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KWANGSI TROOPS NEAR WAICHOW.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN EAST RIVER DISTRICT.

SWATOW FORCES BEATEN.

Judging from Chinese reports, General Li Chai-sum's troops are actively engaged in pursuing the "Ironside" forces which recently evacuated Canton. Several thousand of these Kwangsi soldiers are said to have reached the outskirts of Waichow, where the "Ironside" have their main forces, and if the latter do not retreat further north it is expected that the attack will begin at any moment.

In departing from Sheklung, the retreating "Ironside" are stated to have destroyed some of the rolling stock of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, in an effort to interfere with transport facilities for the Kwangsi troops.

Other Kwangsi troops from Swatow, who are loyal to the Canton Government, are reported to have come down to the Pingshan region, but to have met with a reverse from "Ironside" forces despatched to the spot from Waichow.

General Li Chai-sum has received a warm welcome on his return to Canton, although precautions were taken to prevent any untoward happening when he landed.

WARM WELCOME TO LI CHAI-SUM.

Extensive troop movements on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway and on the lower course of the East River are reported from Canton, some thousands of Kwangsi soldiers having been despatched to pursue the retreating "Ironside" forces. According to reliable report, most of the "Ironside" are concentrated at Waichow, one of the most important strategic points on the East River, about sixty miles east of Canton and not far from Sheklung.

Sheklung was occupied by the "Ironside" four or five days ago but has since been abandoned. Before they left, the troops destroyed some of the rolling stock of the railway in order to hinder the progress of the pursuing Kwangsi units. At the Sheklung Market, the "Ironside" bought large quantities of foodstuffs on the day they left the city. This resulted in the price of rice and other foodstuffs rising very sharply.

Kwangsi Advance.

In all probability, the future battleground between the "Ironside" and the Kwangsi troops will be in the vicinity of Waichow, on the hinterland of Bias Bay and Mirs Bay. One vernacular report declares that yesterday a few thousand Kwangsi soldiers arrived at Sheklung. After resting for a few hours, the army proceeded to the Waichow district to assail the main body of the "Ironside" troops there. At three o'clock in the afternoon the Kwangsi soldiers had arrived at Poldo which is about six miles north-west of Waichow.

A later report from Canton says that the Kwangsi troops have completely surrounded Waichow from Poldo and are waiting for the arrival of more forces from Canton before beginning to attack. The "Ironside" inside the city. If this report is authentic, then the struggle between the Kwangsi and "Ironside" armies will probably begin almost immediately, but it is still uncertain whether the "Ironside" intend to hold Waichow or to retreat further to the north, heading for the border of Kwangsi.

General Wang Shao-hung, the right-hand man of General Li Chai-sum, is reported to personally go up to Sheklung to direct his troops in attacking the "Ironside". General Wang, who is now in Canton, will hold a military conference with General Li and other military leaders in Canton to-day and probably leave for Sheklung this afternoon.

Swatow Troops Defeated.

In view of the activities of the "Ironside" in the East River dis-

NANKING POLICY.

A COMING STRUGGLE FOR POWER.

MOVE AGAINST YANG SEN.

Shanghai, Jan. 4.

It is believed here that the outstanding feature of the coming Spring will be a struggle for power between the Kwangsi forces in Hankow and Canton and the Chekiang Party in Nanking and Shanghai.

Mr. C. C. Wu has petitioned the Nanking Government to recall his appointment as a Special Commissioner to the United States, and says that he believes the time is not ripe to take up the revision of treaties with the United States.

YANG SEN IN TROUBLE.

Sequel to Execution.

Kiukiang, Jan. 4.

General Yang Sen has incurred the displeasure of the Nationalists by his ordering of the execution of General Yang Chuen-feng, whom he accused of complicity in the recent Wansien troubles.

Confirmation of the execution has now been received, and it is reported that the Nanking Government has ordered an expedition against Yang Sen.

It seems that Marshal Wu Peifu has joined the Szechuan leader, and that they have gone together up river to Wansien.

CHIANG IN NANKING.

Warm Welcome Accorded.

Shanghai, Jan. 5.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Nanking yesterday at 5.50 p.m. by special train from Shanghai. A large crowd of nearly 20,000 people were present at the railway station to welcome him. All the Government offices, as well as all the large business firms and buildings, were decorated with flags.

At the station there was a large number of prominent leaders including Messrs. Chiang Ching-king, Chai Yuen-pu, Wu Chi-fai, Chu Men-yi, Generals Ho Ying-ching, Li Chung-yen and other delegates from the Nationalist Army. The streets leading from the station to Government House were lined with soldiers.

Immediately after their arrival, Marshal Chiang and party motored to Government House, where they will be entertained to dinner by General Tang Yen-kai and General Li Chai-chun on behalf of the Nationalist Government.

SHANGHAI LAWLESSNESS.

Shooting Affray Reported.

Shanghai, Jan. 4.

Lawlessness is a continued source of worry to the Shanghai authorities. Near Nantao to-day, a shooting affray between rival gangs is believed to have resulted in casualties on both sides, though details are not available at the moment.

Labour agitators are still busy using the intimidation weapon. A workman employed by the British-American Tobacco Company was found dead in the roadway on Tuesday morning, shot in several places.

KEROSENE TAX.

Dispute Still Unsettled.

Wuhu, Jan. 4.

The dispute over the kerosene tax collection continues and there appears to be little prospect of a satisfactory settlement.

The interference with the Central Government's Kerosene Tax Bureau, and the setting up of their own Bureau by the Anhui authorities at Wuhu, was given by Mr. Sun Fo as one of the reasons for his resigning from the office of Minister of Finance. Several times, consignments have been held up because shippers refused to pay double tax, but formerly, on representation to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, the cargoes have been released. In the present case, a vessel with a large cargo has been held up for nearly a month.

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JAPANESE BANKING SMASH.

WORK OF READJUSTMENT PROCEEDING.

A DIFFICULT TASK.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.

The year-end report of the Finance Department in connexion with the 36 banks which defaulted on April 27th, states that the readjustment was naturally difficult.

Only twelve of the banks, with a total capitalisation of Yen. 14,000,000 and with liabilities of Yen. 57,000,000 due to 100,000 depositors had been re-opened. Fifteen of the banks with a capitalisation of Yen. 22,000,000 and with liabilities of Yen. 66,000,000 due to 133,000 depositors were still closed.

One bank, with a capitalisation of Yen. 500,000 and with liabilities

"IRENE" PIRACY ECHO.

Ridiculous Demands By Mr. C. C. Wu.

Shanghai, Jan. 4.

The Kuo Min news agency publishes the text of a lengthy protest by Mr. C. C. Wu (then Foreign Minister of the Nanking Government) to Sir Miles Lampson on December 22nd protesting against the sinking of the s.s. Irene in Bias Bay on October 20th, requesting an expression of regret for the violation of China's sovereignty, compensation and indemnity for the persons dead and injured and for the cargo and ship lost, adequate punishment for the Commander of the Submarine L4, and the surrender of the seven persons then detained in Hongkong for trial.

TERRIFIC BERLIN EXPLOSION.

MANY PEOPLE FEARED KILLED.

Berlin, Jan. 4.

A terrific explosion in North Berlin wrecked a house, the inmates of which were in bed at the time.

Half the building collapsed and a fire, which is still raging, broke out.

Ten badly-injured inmates have so far been recovered, but it is feared that there are many dead.

FRENCH OFFICIALS.

AN AGE-LIMIT SCHEME.

Paris, Dec. 22.

The Chamber of Deputies is discussing the age-limit of General Officers. It has adopted, by 390 votes to 121, the scheme submitted by the recently-appointed Commission, allowing the Minister of War the right to prolong by one year, renewable until the age-limit of 65 years is reached, the functions of members of the Higher Military Council.

LADY CLEMENTI.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

We are informed from Government House that Lady Clementi was operated on at the Peak Hospital this morning, and that the operation was successful.

The whole Colony will, we are sure, join in the hope that her ladyship will now make a complete and speedy recovery from her illness.

MURDER ON SHIP.

CARPENTER KILLS A CHIEF OFFICER.

TEA PARTY INTERRUPTED.

When the Mikesan Maru arrived in port yesterday a report was made by the Captain, to the effect that the Chief Officer was murdered on the high seas by the ship's carpenter, who, after committing the deed, attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself in the abdomen.

The deceased officer, Mr. Kishaburi K. Hayasaki, was 32 years of age. His body was removed to the Public Mortuary yesterday. The carpenter was in a serious condition yesterday and steps were taken to effect his instant removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

Captain's Report.

According to a report made by the ship's Captain to the Japanese Consulate, the ship was on a journey from Kyushu to Hongkong. On Tuesday the officers of the ship arranged a little celebration in the dining room, which was to take place at 5 p.m.

A few minutes before 5 p.m. therefore, all the ship's officers, except those on duty, gathered in the dining room where tea was about to be served, when the ship's carpenter made his appearance and asked for a few minutes conference with the Chief Officer.

Accordingly, the Chief Officer left the dining room and invited the carpenter to his cabin. What actually took place between the Chief Officer and the carpenter will, perhaps, never be known, but those who were gathered in the dining room at the tea party, saw the carpenter return there a few minutes after he had left with the Chief Officer. The carpenter then told the officers of the ship that he had murdered the Chief Officer.

Attempted Suicide.

Before the shock of the announcement was over, the carpenter whipped out a knife from his person and attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself in the abdomen. The wound which was thus inflicted was of a very serious nature and medical attention was at once given.

Meanwhile, those who proceeded to the Chief Officer's cabin, saw him lying on the floor with two stab wounds, one below the right loin and the other on the thigh. The Chief Officer was unconscious and died a quarter of an hour after receiving his injuries. He never recovered consciousness.

No Clear Reason.

There is no apparent explanation for the affair but the Captain of the ship is of opinion that it was probably on account of some grudge which the carpenter bore the Chief Officer. A few days prior to the murder, the Chief Officer had caused to caution the carpenter for interfering with the crew. New Year celebrations on the ship entailed extra work for the crew and interference by the carpenter at such a busy time probably led to a rebuke from the Chief Officer.

According to the Captain, the carpenter, whose name is Losaku Yoshitoni, and who is 40 years of age, is a man of quiet disposition.

CONSERVATIVE AIMS.

MR. BALDWIN'S STATEMENT.

London, Jan. 4.

In a letter wishing success to Captain Renton, Conservative candidate in the Northampton by-election, the Premier declares that the Conservative party can fairly claim to have carried out their pledges. He especially recalls in this connexion the contributory scheme of pensions set on foot by the party when it assumed office.

He adds: "In my view both our Liberal and Socialist opponents are apt to lose sight of the basic fact that we are, before all things, a trading nation. The Conservative party recognises the vital fact that the first great essential to industrial success is peace in industry. Abroad, the Conservative party stands for the reduction of unnecessary armaments by international agreement, but with this provision, that in no circumstances and under no pressure will it agree to any reduction by which the security of this great Empire is likely to be endangered."

AMERICAN SUBMARINE DISASTER.

HOW A CRITIC WAS CONVERTED.

LARGER VESSELS WANTED.

New York, Jan. 4.

A message from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, says that Mr. Laguardia, a member of the House of Representatives, following a 36 hours voyage in the submarine S4, which executed various evolutions including diving, has decided not to deliver to Congress the vigorous speech which he had prepared attacking the Government for failing to rescue the men imprisoned in the S4.

Mr. Laguardia declares that he found that everything possible was done for the lost men, and he now proposes to advocate larger submarines and higher wages for "brave men who risk their lives daily therein."

Special Investigation Likely.

Washington, Jan. 4.

It is announced that President Coolidge is considering the appointment of a special committee to investigate the S4 disaster.

Three Bodies Recovered.

New York, Jan. 4.

A message from Provincetown, Massachusetts, says that divers have recovered three bodies from the engine room of the wrecked submarine S4.

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER FORCE.

COL. ORPEN-PALMER THE NEW COMMANDANT.

London, Jan. 4.

The War Office announces the appointment of Colonel H. B. H. Orpen-Palmer as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Force.

The new Commandant, who was Military Attaché in Peking from 1920 to 1924, has had a distinguished military career. He was born in 1876, being the son of the late Rev. Abraham H. H. Orpen-Palmer, Vicar of St. Peter's, Cheltenham. He was educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and served in the South African war 1899-1902, being mentioned in despatches and gaining the Queen's Medal with three clasps. He served throughout the European War, being mentioned in despatches, gaining the D.S.O. in 1918, and being appointed C.M.G. in 1919.

After his return to England, after four years' service in Peking, Col. Orpen-Palmer was appointed Brigade Commander of the 148th (3rd West Riding) Infantry Brigade of the Territorials.

ROYAL VISIT.

AFGHANISTAN MAJESTIES ON TOUR.

London, Jan. 4.

The King and Queen of Afghanistan will leave Egypt to-morrow for Rome, on a state visit to the King and Queen of Italy. Their visit will last two weeks. Their Afghan Majesties will then proceed to Paris where they will be the guests of the French Republic. They will arrive in London at the end of February on a state visit to King George and Queen Mary.

The British Minister in Afghanistan, Sir Francis Humphreys, is on his way home from Kabul to discuss with the Foreign Secretary and officials of the Court arrangements for the visit. The arrangements will require a good deal of detailed attention because the ladies of the party though they are ignoring some conventions for the purpose of their European visit, must have regard to the restrictions imposed by their religion.

THE TRADE REVIVAL.

EVIDENCE IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 4.

The London Chamber of Commerce received last year 1,130 applications for membership. The Chamber regards this as "some proof that the trade revival is really a fact."

AMERICA'S WAR.

NICARAGUA POLICY DENOUNCED.

"PUBLIC DISGRACEFULLY SPOOFED."

NEW YORK EXCITED.

Washington, Jan. 4. The warlike preparations of the United States Government in connexion with the developments in Nicaragua have caused some heart-searching in certain quarters.

Several of the Democratic newspapers are most outspoken in their comments. One says that "it is perfectly patent that the American public has been disgracefully spoofed. Not only has Sandino's strength been greatly under-estimated but attempts to represent him and his followers as mere bandits are equally ridiculous. . . . Temporarily, Nicaragua has become an American protectorate as we are not fighting bandits, but Nicaraguans revolting against our rule."

Warlike Preparations.

Washington, Jan. 4. Notwithstanding the action of the Democrats and Independent Republicans in challenging the Government's policy in Nicaragua both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, the Government is quietly proceeding with its plans to despatch Marine reinforcements.

The Marine Depot in New York is buzzing with war-like preparations and quartermasters are working overtime to meet the emergency.

The Navy Department announces that several light cruisers are en route to Nicaragua from various points.

The State Department denies an exaggerated report of American casualties in Nicaragua and gives the total during recent months of 16 killed and 40 wounded.

Raid By Rebels.

Managua, Jan. 4. Sandino's guerrilla forces have established themselves in a mountainous corner of Nicaragua next to the Honduran border and are launching a series of raids against the Americans, the transport of whose supplies present a difficult problem. Sandino himself is reported to have fixed his headquarters in an abandoned goldmine with a bodyguard of 50 chosen men. He has an avenue of escape through the jungle to Honduras.

To Establish Order.

Washington, Jan. 4. The decision to despatch reinforcements to Nicaragua followed a conference between President Coolidge and Mr. Wilbur.

Pending the arrival of the reinforcements, bluejackets will be landed to relieve the Marines for an expedition against the followers of Sandino.

The States Department formally announces its intention to co-operate fully and effectively with the Nicaraguan constabulary in the establishment of order.

Meanwhile, preparations are being made to bomb the rebels in their mountain and forest strongholds.

[The present campaign is a legacy from the trouble last July, when Nicaraguan Liberals, under General Sandino, revolted against the Government and attacked Managua. There was a serious affair at Ocotul, where a party of 39 U. S. Marines, who with 50 Nicaraguan constabulary, were attacked by a force of 500 Liberal rebels. The attack was repulsed with very heavy losses for the Liberals and since that time the rebel remnant, under Sandino, has been conducting a guerrilla warfare in the neighbouring hilly country. The U. S. Marines were sent to protect American lives and property.]

OBITUARY.

FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

Paris, Dec. 26.

M. Geoffrey, formerly French Ambassador to Madrid, and Minister Plenipotentiary to London and to Cairo, has died here.

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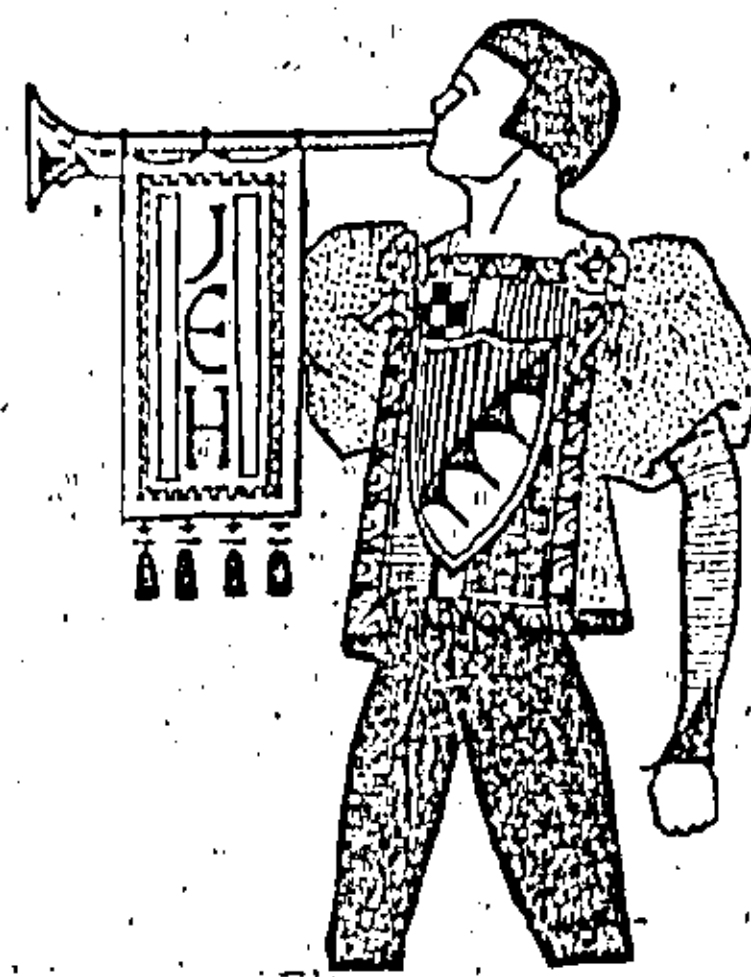
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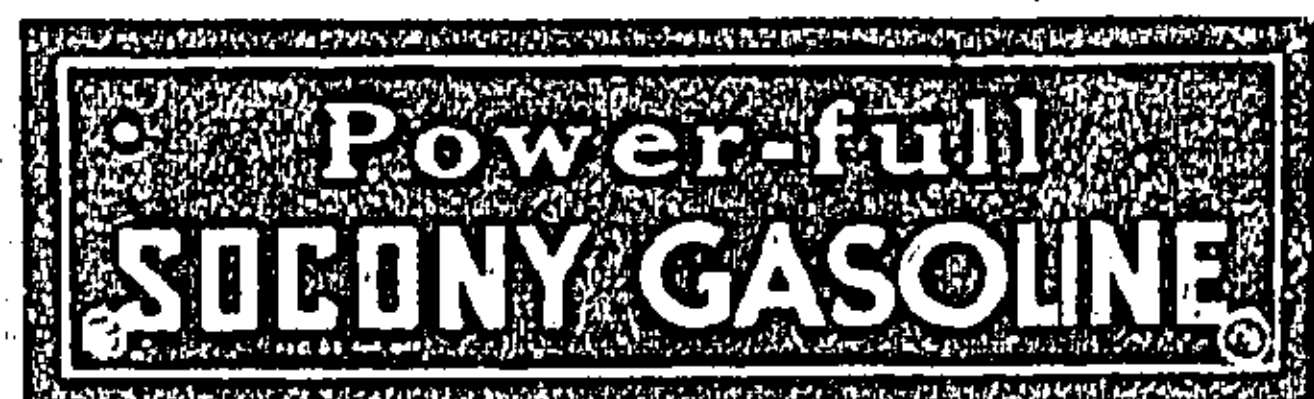
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MAN'S ETHICS AND EVOLUTION.

LECTURE BEFORE LOCAL
R.P.A.

Speaking on "Reconstruction in Modern Ethics," before the Rationalist Press Association last evening, Mr. J. D. Bush delivered an interesting lecture on what he termed a brief study of ethical theories. He said:

It is impossible, within the time at our disposal, to discuss adequately a subject of such complex and divergent views as Ethics. The utmost that can be accomplished, in the circumstances, is to touch on a few salient points that seem to us to have placed modern Ethics on consistent and rational basis.

Ethics, or moral philosophy, takes account of those general principles that deal with the art of conduct, as logic does with the art of thought. Ethical theory, in a word, began among the Greeks as an attempt to formulate certain rules for the conduct of life; and ever since the time of Socrates, who is generally regarded as the founder of Ethics proper, philosophers have been trying to give varying explanations of the origin of moral values.

The problems of moral values are without a doubt the most fundamental for the human mind, as they plumb the very depths of our hopes and aspirations and ultimately bring forth the highest ideals. Obviously, our moral problems reach out very far and wide in their scope, and necessarily constitute the most perplexing and persistent of philosophical problems, from the remotest past to the present. The questions that have been raised again and again in Ethics may be stated briefly as follows:

1. What is the nature of goodness?
2. How is goodness to be attained?
3. How are we to conserve goodness for the welfare of the individual and the social group?

To put all these questions into one familiar sentence, it will be: "What is the chief end of life or the highest good, or *summum bonum*, in the Latin phrase?"

Knowledge is Virtue. Socrates says that knowledge is virtue; that is, virtuous or moral conduct is the result of knowledge. Plato, in his "Ideal Republic," tells us that in order to realise virtuous conduct, it presupposes a certain form of society, the State. Aristotle declares that virtuous endeavour is to be attained by the help of reason, in that "reason alone, can assure a wise moderation of passion and desire, and protect us from the too much or the too little." Aristotle, like Plato, lays the emphasis on the ethical importance of the state, that is, Ethics and Politics are inseparable.

Ever since the days of the Socratic school of Ethics up to the present time, the two greatest opposing views of the origin of moral obligation are: Heteronomous, or religio-ethical type, and the Autonomous, or pursuit of the higher self-interest.

The heteronomous or religio-ethical type finds the origin and sanction of moral conduct of the individual in obedience and submission to certain precepts which are invariable and unchangeable. The autonomous type of Ethics places the origin of moral conduct in spontaneous independent impulses.

The scientific moralists, in the light of modern science, are inclined to decide in favour of the autonomous type. They maintain that the man who refrains from a crime through fear of the law of the state may not feel a direct moral obligation to keep from criminal action. Then, also, the man who tries to order his life according to certain precepts merely for the sake of pleasing God or the Church and not sat-

isfying his inner freedom, is likewise bowing his will through fear and coercion to an external authority.

Which Satisfies.

The controversy resolves itself into this: When mankind has arrived at such a state of civilisation, when philosophy and science grow more powerful and religion has discarded its dogmas, which type of Ethics satisfies us more, the evolutionist or the intuitionist (that is, the assumption of an innate conscience)? There can be no doubt, if we were to take a consensus of opinions among the scholars of the world, that the tendency would be to accept evolutionist ethics. By considering moral phenomena as phenomena of evolution, which are in accordance with the physical, biological and social laws, we are better able to find a rational generalisation so as to formulate the general rules of conduct from a clearly-defined cause of morality. In other words, modern philosophers, as I have just said, are decidedly in favour of basing Ethics on the empirical knowledge of science, such as psychology, political economy and biology.

We will now pause for a moment to remind ourselves briefly of Darwin's Evolutionary Theory. By introducing the idea of evolution into the development of organic life, Darwin has turned a new chapter in philosophy. He has not only given the world a whole series of empirical factors, which enable us to see how species originate and evolve from the lowest to the highest, but he has also applied the same principles of explanation to the problem of the true origin of the moral sense. According to Darwin, the true source of the moral sense is to be found in the social instinct, which is innate in the animals as well as in man. Darwin traces all feelings to "the social instincts which lead the animal to take pleasure in the society of its fellows, to feel a certain amount of sympathy with them, and to perform certain services for them."

The social instinct, as manifested in the feeling of comradeship and co-operation within the group, becomes all the more pronounced as the social animal rises in the scale of development. For Darwin, then, the moral sense is not mysteriously endowed, nor is conscience implanted suddenly in man or animal. In "The Descent of Man," Darwin says that "any animal whatever endowed with well-marked social instincts; the parental and filial affection being here included, would inevitably acquire a moral sense or conscience as soon as its intellectual powers had become as well, or nearly as well, developed as in man."

Darwin's Proofs.

Darwin has brought forth sufficient evidence to convince any open-minded student of science that social instinct is a potent factor in the development of the moral feelings in man. Naturalists, since the days of Darwin and Huxley, have accumulated a great mass of data to show conclusively how an altruistic or universalistic action might gradually grow out of what seems to be entirely egoistic or individualistic.

It is through the working of natural selection that the races which have acquired co-operation, union or mutual-help have come to possess the greater advantage in the struggle for existence. The race that is backward in the social instincts has been found to lag far behind in the cosmic process. For any one doubting this line of reasoning, I may cite a few examples: I shall not touch on plant life, although in plant life we also find unmistakable evidence of combination to attain development of the whole group. Root, trunk, stalks, leaves and flowers all work together in harmony. The first example of family morality is found among birds and mammals. In the case of plants and of insects, the young ones are cared for only by the mother. Among mammals and

birds the burdens of parental care are equally shared. The male among birds and mammals works for the good of himself as well as others along truly altruistic lines.

Kropotkin informs us that pelicans "always go fishing in numerous bands; and, after having chosen an appropriate bay, they form a wide half-circle in face of the shore, and narrow it by paddling towards the shore, catching all fish that happen to be enclosed in the circle. On narrow rivers and canals they even divide into two parties, each of which draws up on a half-circle, and both paddle to meet each other; just as two parties of men dragging two long nets should advance to capture all fish taken between the nets when both parties come to meet."

Co-Operation of Mammals.

A good illustration of how separate and individual action would fail whereas joint action would succeed can be found in the wolves that inhabit the Russian steppes, who go out in packs to hunt for food. Then, also, beavers co-operate in building dams to keep the water at a more or less constant level; and they also dig canals, by means of which the timber that they have felled on either side is floated downstream.

A naturalist also tells us that one day, when he was hunting in a forest, he suddenly heard a loud flapping of wings followed immediately by piercing screams. He observed that an eagle was trying to carry off a young monkey while the latter, tightly clasping the branch with all his four limbs, was calling for help. Almost instantaneously a whole troop of monkeys came to the rescue, and about a dozen of the biggest threw themselves upon the eagle, which, after a moment, released his prey, and flew off very badly scraped, scratched and bitten on every side.

Another similar incident was also recorded by the same naturalist. When he was in Abyssinia, his party encountered a large troop of baboons crossing a valley. Some had already reached the opposite hills, whilst the others were still in the lowlands. The dogs belonging to the party soon attacked these lagards, and caused the old males to descend from the mountain to come to the rescue. They assumed so threatening an air and uttered such loud cries that the enemy drew back. But there was still left a young baboon, which was perched on a high rock, around which the dogs began to swarm. Then seeing the danger to which the baby was exposed, one of the most powerful of the males re-descended the slopes alone, slowly made his way to the little one, fondled it, and bore it away in triumph. Even the dogs were surprised at the heroism shown, so much so that they allowed the hero to depart without molestation.

An equally striking example of the sacrifice of the individual, when occasion arises, in the interests of the community, is presented by the bees.

Experiment has found that if a queen bee and some workers are taken from the hive and placed in a receptacle together, with a little honey beside them, the workers feed the queen first, after which they take a little themselves. But later, as the store of honey diminishes, the workers cease to eat, reserving the few remaining drops of honey for the queen, until one after another they die of starvation and exhaustion. All these sacrifices are made in order to prolong, and if possible, to save the life of the queen, since it is on her that the future of the whole community depends.

Two Life Processes.

In the evolution of organic life, we cannot overlook that there are really two processes going on, namely, the cosmic process, that is, the universal life, and the ethical process, or the moral life. The cosmic, may stand for the triumph of the strong and the sharp

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WHO WOULD THINK SHE IS FORTY!

The Secret of Keeping Young.

This is an age of young people. It is unfashionable to admit oneself old. Instead of wearing caps and shawls now-a-days many grandmothers dance and are all the better for it. Some women even are taken to be the sisters of their own daughters.

What is the secret of looking and feeling young when well on into middle life? Unquestionably it depends almost entirely upon the condition of the blood, for from the blood the whole system draws its nourishment, and when the blood is anaemic, impoverished, vitiated, the complexion fades, the face becomes drawn or puffy and spirit droops, elasticity leaves the limbs, the muscles, the skin.

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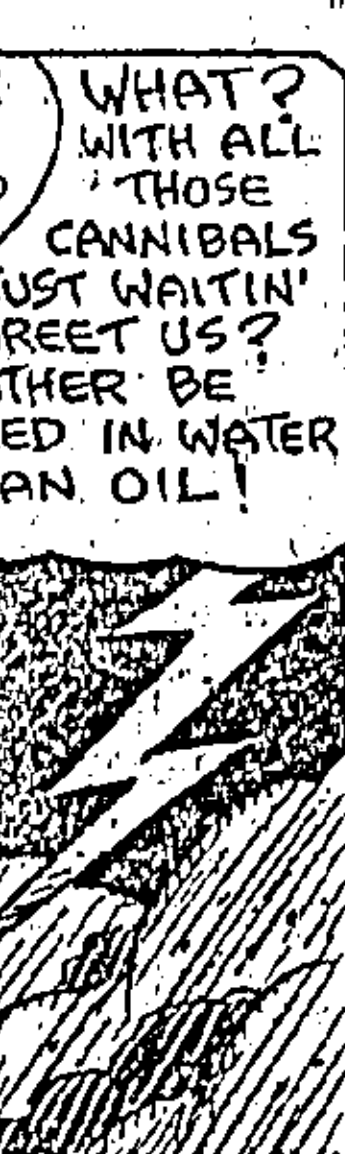
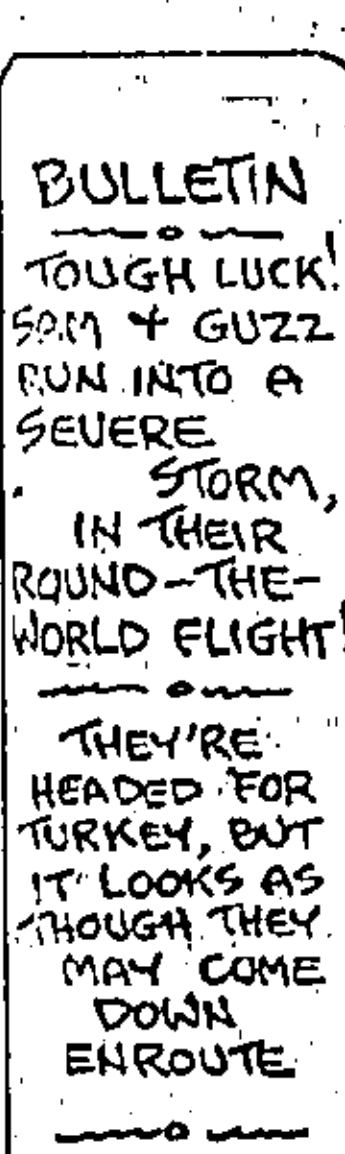
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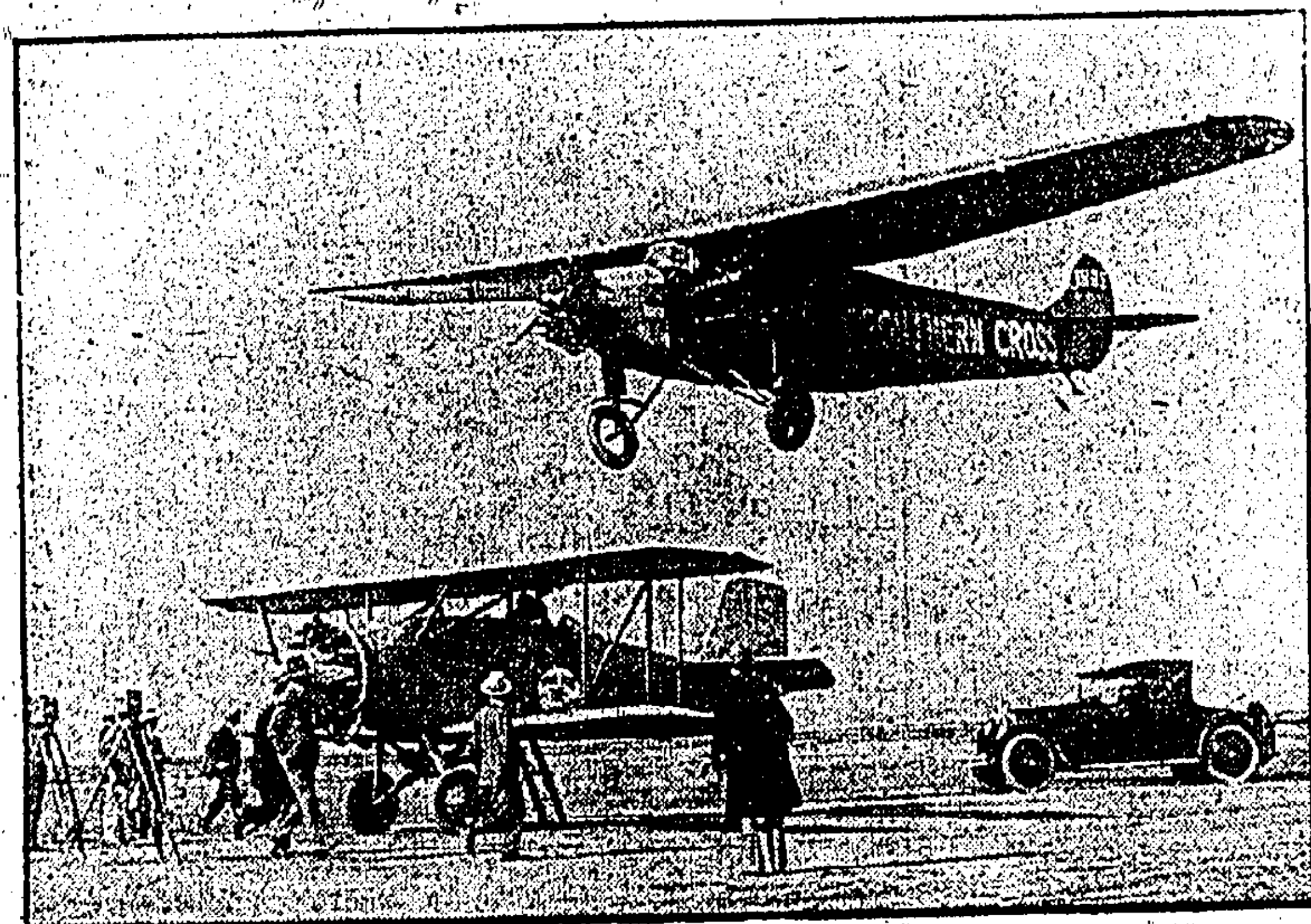


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Capt. Frederick A. Giles' first attempt to fly from Los Angeles to Australia by way of Honolulu, failed and the flyer was forced to return and land near his starting point. Capt. Giles is pictured at right with Miss Wanda Hess, sister of Aubrey Hess, who designed his plane. Above is shown Capt. Giles' plane, while above it is that of his rival in the attempt to make the flight, Capt. Kingsford-Smith.



Bert Acosta (left) and Emile Burgin, photographed at Curtiss Field, Long Island, beside the Fokker monoplane in which they attempted to break the world's sustained flight record.



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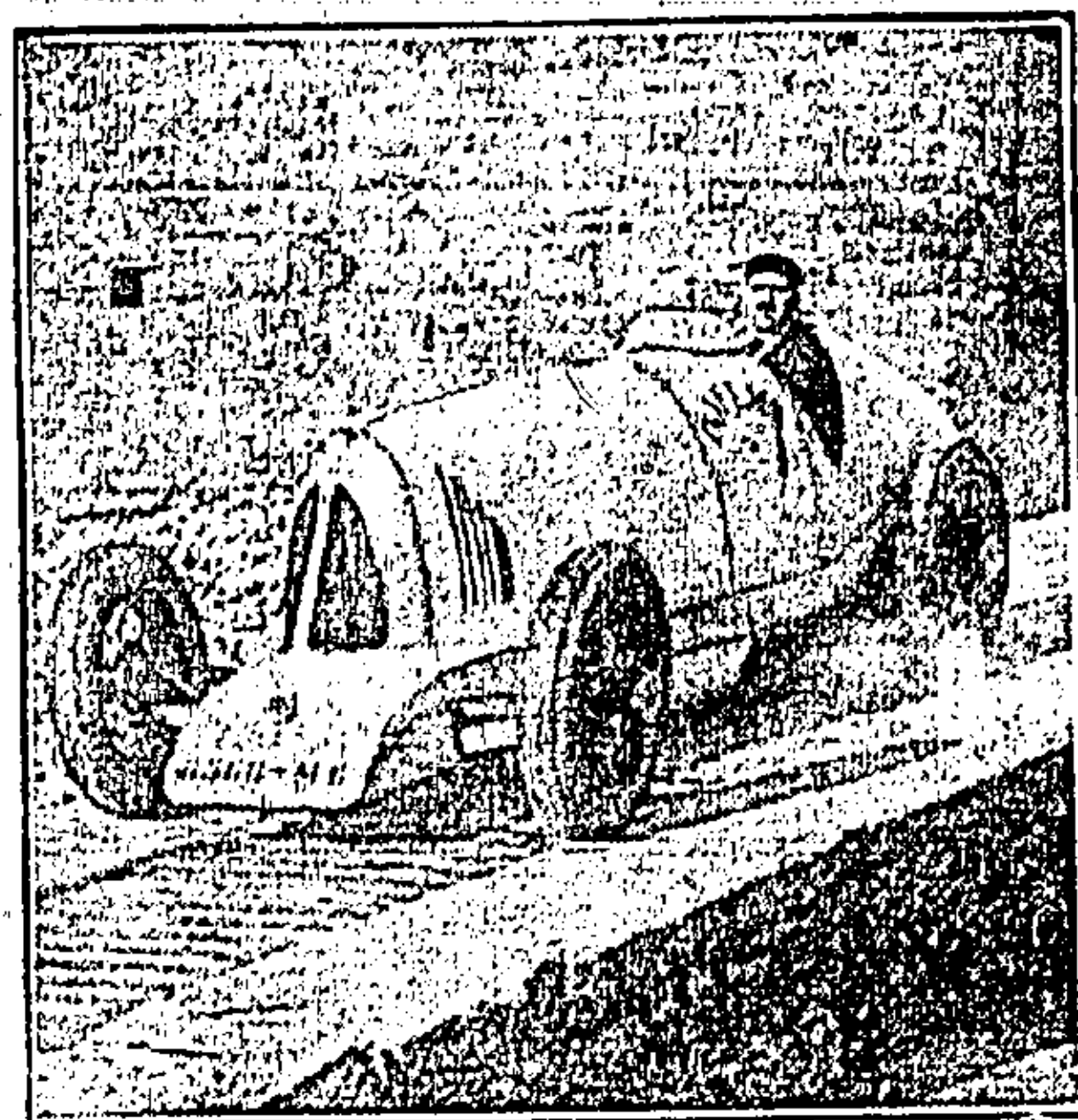
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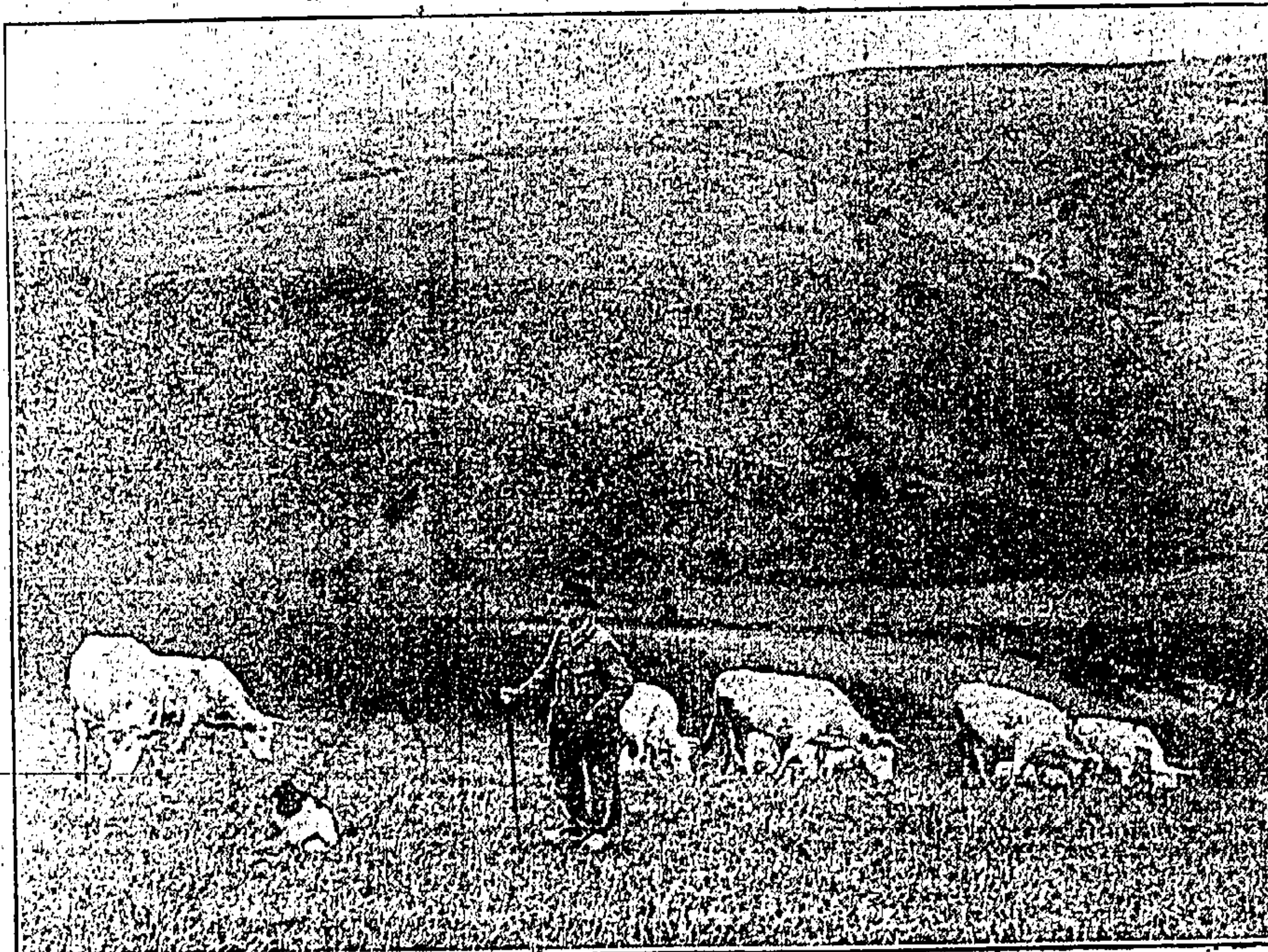
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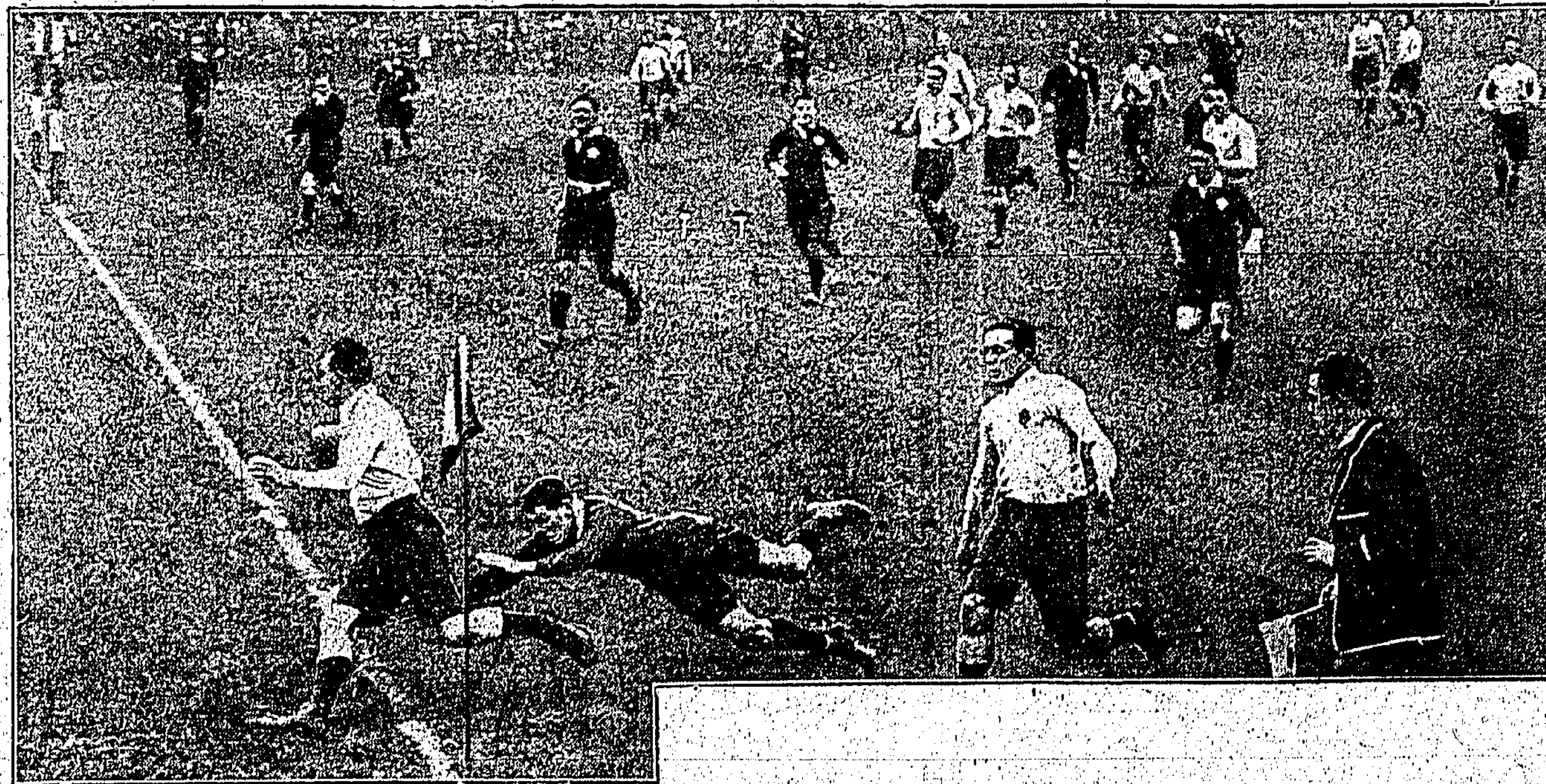
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Signor Foresti in his "baby" motor-car Djelmo at Pordine, Wales, before his attempt to set up a new world speed record. The car skidded and over turned when travelling at about 150 miles an hour, the driver having an extraordinary escape from death. (Times copyright).



The Farm at Glozel, near Vichy where the "discoveries" were made, showing M. Fradin, who farms the land. The genuineness of the finds has been sharply discussed in the French Press, but many of the leading archaeologists have pronounced against their authenticity. (Times copyright).



The New South Wales football team beat Wales at Cardiff by 18 points to eight after an excellent game. Our photograph shows A. O. Wallace, the New South Wales captain, scoring the first try which was converted by A. T. Lawton. T. E. Rees, the Welsh full-back, has just failed to tackle Wallace. (Times copyright).

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LOST.

LOST.—On New Year's Eve, Platinum and Diamond Wedding Ring either on the 9.45 p.m. Kowloon Ferry or at Repulse Bay Hotel. On the inside the following letters H. G. N. B. 19. 4. 1924. Finder will be rewarded if returned to Box No. 299, care of "Hong Telegraph."

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

NOTICE.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

SPECIAL AND FAMILY MONTHLY TICKETS.

Holders of the above-mentioned tickets are hereby informed that effective January 1st, 1928, such tickets will not be available.

SPECIAL tickets are those which have hitherto been sold at less than the charge of \$5.00 each.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LAM MING FAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 20th, 1927.

THE HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THIRD TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

Saturday, 7th January, at 9.15 p.m. at

LEE THEATRE.

MAIN EVENTS.

10 Round Welterweight Contest.

Ldg. Seaman Hall,

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Marine Fraser,

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For particulars address:

The DIRECTOR, Port Works Department, Macao.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

The Central British School will re-open on Monday, 9th January, 1928.

Entrance Examinations will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, 6th January, when the Head Master will be present to interview parents.

FANLING HUNT

STEEPLECHASERS.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING.

21st January, 1928.

DRAUGHT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING to be held on January 21st, 1928, (Weather Permitting) may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, The Polo Club & Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close before noon Saturday, 7th January, 1928.

CYMEITHAS DEWI SANT, HONGKONG.

(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Mr. D. J. Lewis' office, (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), Prince's Building, on Friday, 13th January, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and the Statement of Accounts for the past year.

(b) To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) To consider the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated.

All persons of Welsh nationality whether members or not are invited to attend.

Dated the 5th January, 1928.

G.S. HUGH-JONES, Hon. Secretary.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th January will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 25th January or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1928.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

4, Duddell Street.

If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

Genoa.—The Mississippi River in the old "Show Boat" days must have been the inspiration for a projected that soon is to be started in Genoa. It will be the most remarkable vessel ever built—a large and fully equipped opera house. With seating accommodations for 2,000 persons and a stage large enough for the production of the most elaborate grand operas, the boat will have to be as large as the average steamship. Two Genoa engineers, Carlo Giorgetti and Mario Moccato, are designing it. They plan to take a large Italian opera company on tour, giving performances in all the principal ports of the world.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Dated 24th Dec., 1927.

VARSITY SOCCER.

HOW OXFORD WON.

In the inter-varsity football match at Stamford Bridge Oxford University beat Cambridge University by six goals to two.

The match was played in dull weather and rain, on sodden ground and the attendance was small.

The Oxford team consisted of McBride (Christ Church), D. Lomax (Magdalen) and P. Snow (Brasenose); G. Guise (Trinity), J. Smith (Brasenose) and F. Kingsley (New); H. Barber (Hertford), R. Jenkins (Brasenose), W. Lingelbach (New), G. Fletcher (Brasenose) and Greenstock (Brasenose).

The Cambridge team was:—Bonham Carter (Magdalen), M. Bower (Pembroke) and J. Cook (Peterhouse), R. Vaughan (Clare), T. Johnson (Pembroke), F. Sanders (Downing), H. Abrams (Pembroke), P. Robins (Queens), B. Valentine (Pembroke), F. Rigeon (St. Catherine's), and N. Mace (Jesus).

Oxford kicked off and almost immediately their left-wing attacked by means of clever passing.

The Oxonians continued to press but Cambridge at length got moving and the ball was swung across to Ridgeon, who headed just wide. The Oxonians maintained their foothold better than the Cantabs on the treacherous ground and for a time their long passes were very effective.

However, Cambridge forced their opponents back and Oxford conceded a corner. The ball was promptly cleared but Abrams remained centred to Valentine, who scored a goal fifteen minutes from the start of play. Five minutes later Barber put in a cross-shot which was saved. Lingelbach shot again and though Carter gathered the ball on the line beautifully he failed to clear before Fletcher rushed the ball into the net. After half an hour Oxford made a quick rush and Fletcher scored with a stinging shot. Abrams, for Cambridge, sent in a hard shot which McBride, the Oxford goal-keeper saved splendidly.

Next Ridgeon and Mace attacked again by clever passing but the centre was wasted.

At half time Oxford were leading by two goals to one.

Two minutes after the resumption Smith started a movement

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Maybe you can go from KISS to LOVE in less than five word-changes, but that is par.

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2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed. One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

It is announced that the ordinary annual general meeting of Cymdeithas Dewi Sant, (St. David's Society) Hongkong, will be held at Mr. D. J. Lewis' office (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), Prince's Building, on Friday, January 13, at 5.30 p.m.

ending in Greenstock scoring a goal with a low cross shot. Two minutes later Abrams broke away and from his low centre Valentine netted for Cambridge. Considering the conditions both sides contested the ball well and maintained a capital pace. Jenkins then fastened on to a clearance from Lomax and passed to Barber who centred, and although Lingelbach missed his kick Jenkins reached the ball and scored. Jenkins then made another opening which ended in Lingelbach scoring a goal. Seven minutes from the finish, Greenstock, who played splendidly throughout, obtained Oxford's sixth goal. Oxford thus won by six goals to two.

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HONGKONG'S NEW DEAN.

THE REV. ALFRED SWANN ARRIVES.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Home by the P. and O. liner Malwa to-day was the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., the former, Vicar of Liversedge, who has been appointed Dean of Hongkong Cathedral and Archdeacon for English work in the Diocese of Victoria. He was accompanied by Mrs. Swann and their two children.

In Zebrugge Raid.

The Rev. Alfred Swann was educated at Rugby and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and took his B.A. degree in 1916. For three years he read medicine. At the outbreak of the War he joined the Royal Navy and served for one year as an able seaman and for three years as an officer, taking part in the Zebrugge raid. For his service he was awarded the D.S.O. At the conclusion of the War Mr. Swann entered Westcott House, Cambridge, under Canon B. K. Cunningham, with a view to being ordained. While at Cambridge he was President of the University Boat Club (a distinction which he shared with his older brother, their father having at one time been Secretary) and also won his half-blue for running. On being ordained Mr. Swann served as curate at Kirkburton and in 1924 was appointed Vicar of Liversedge.

Mrs. Swann is a daughter of Bishop Abraham, until recently Suffragan Bishop of Derby. Her grandfather was Charles John Abraham, the Eton master who joined Bishop Selwyn in New Zealand and afterwards became Bishop of Wellington N.Z. Her uncles are the Bishops of St. Albans (Dr. Furze) and Kensington (Dr. Maud).

The new Dean will, it is understood, preach his first sermon here at the Cathedral on Sunday.

Next Thursday, January 12th, a reception is being held at the Cathedral Hall to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Swann, and after this function, which begins at 4.45 p.m., the Bishop of Victoria will institute the Rev. Alfred Swann as Archdeacon of English work in the Diocese, and will also institute the Rev. Mok Shau Tsang as Archdeacon of Chinese work in the Diocese.

The Bishop Returns.

Arriving by the same steamer were the Right Rev. Bishop Duppuy and Mrs. Duppuy. The Bishop has been Home for some time on leave, following a breakdown in his health, and his many friends will hope that he has greatly benefited by his leave.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE EAGLE" AND CANTON FILM.

There will be a change of feature picture at the World Theatre today, where the topical film "Canton Under the Red" is still being screened. The new picture is Rudolph Valentino's romantic comedy drama, "The Eagle," the action of which takes place in Russia before the revolution. Rudolph Valentino appears in three distinct guises—first as a Cossack officer wearing the most striking uniforms of his career; then as the Eagle, the mysterious bandit, whose exploits thrill all Russia; then he masquerades as a French tutor and enters the home of his mortal enemy. The picture has more comedy than any other Valentino picture. The background is rich and decorative. No expense was spared in making this picture for the screen's most romantic star.

"The Eagle" and "Canton Under the Red" will be screened at the World Theatre until Saturday.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

WOMEN MORE BEAUTIFUL.

WHAT LONDON DOCTORS SAY.

"The average English woman of today is more beautiful than the Englishwoman of 20 years ago, despite the fact that she is bigger and has bigger hands and feet." This is the opinion of the principal medical officers of one of London's principal hospitals. It attributes the increase in stature to the better conditions of life that now enable them to reach their full growth.

"The young woman of today," he said, "wants to rival her brother in health and strength. She wants to wriggle her toes inside

PERFUMES AND COSMETICS.

THE "MATCHING" VOGUE.

"We are very busy preparing for the demand for powder, face creams, and perfumes, which always attends the party season," said a buyer, recently, at a London store. "We sell gallons of perfume and dozens of pounds of face cream and powder weekly at this time of the year."

A New Face Powder.

"A new face powder which has only been on sale here for two days is made in delightfully delicate shades and is particularly fine and adheres well to the skin. We stock a perfume to 'match' the powder."

FASHION EXPERIMENTS.

FAILURE OF THE LONG SKIRT.

Recent years have seen many interesting experiments in fashion that have failed to be generally accepted. The most conspicuous failure is the long skirt. This is presented to us in all sorts of insidious ways—by means of picture frocks (exquisite but from the modern point of view ridiculous); uneven hems, culminating this year in the queer swallow-tail; transparent hems falling several inches lower than the skirt itself. We are interested, amused, but we remain faithful to our good sense and our short frocks.

We rejoice in our frocks and hats which follow natural lines. There is an attempt just now to widen the silhouette at the elbows; this effect is often achieved by enormous fur cuffs. Again we are interested but we do not intend to look like that. We would almost as well wear our hair long and built up elaborately on our heads with a hat pinned on top of the structure, inches from our skulls!

It is doubtful whether women will ever again submit to really senseless or inconvenient fashions. These will appear from time to time and make variety, but the majority of us will keep to our favourite simple lines and will follow only the subtle changes of fashion.

LIFE'S HANDICAPS.

THE WILL TO DO.

One of the conclusions arrived at by Herr Ludwig, whose life of Napoleon has won for him a European reputation as a biographer, is that nearly all things are possible to him who wills them.

He holds that by reading the lives of great men who have "fought through regardless to their goal," a man may be "inspired to minimise all shortcomings, and to exact of himself the fullest utilisation of his powers."

It is true that nothing is more cheering to the diffident soul than to discover kindred weaknesses in the armour of the great, who have nevertheless triumphed in the end.

And one does find that many of the very greatest people have had to fight at the most amazing disadvantage.

Early he had from the time of early manhood to reckon with that most souring of commonplaces, disease, dyspepsia; Milton had his blindness; Napoleon was an epileptic.

Poverty of the direst sort was the handicap which thousands of other great men have had to bear.

Only the greatest strength of will could have enabled men thus burdened to win through.

Whence, then, came this strength of will?

High purpose and utter carelessness of self must be the driving force, if the race is to be won in spite of weakness that sap courage and energy.

But given these two qualities success is assured.

WOMAN MERCHANT AS CLAIRVOYANT.

"PROFITABLE BUSINESS" IN THE SUMMER.

London, Nov. 27. Mrs. E. Holland, of Ripon-street, Attorellie, Sheffield, should have appeared at Bow County Court, yesterday, to answer a default summons for £10 for money lent in a friendly way.

Mr. Hammond, who appeared for the lenders, said that Mrs. Holland had a good business as a scrap, steel merchant, having horses and lorries, besides which she did profitable business as a clairvoyant during the summer months at Blackpool.

The Registrar: Is she perfectly genuine as a clairvoyant?

Mr. Hammond: I think she foresaw that she would have to pay this anyway.

The Registrar made an order for payment in fourteen days.

"BEAU GESTE."

FAMOUS FILM'S FINAL SCREENINGS.

Major Wren's famous story of the French Foreign Legion, "Beau Geste," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time this evening. Ronald Colman, Alice Joyce, Noah Beery, Mary Brian, Neil Hamilton, William Powell, Norman Trevor, Victor McLaglen and Ralph Forbes are the principal players. "Beau Geste" is a mystery story of the Foreign Legion in the deserts of Africa. It tells of three young Englishmen who disappear from home after a famous sapphire, "The Blue Water," belonging to their aunt is stolen. The amazing sequel is enacted in a remote fort in the Sahara. After an Arab attack, reinforcements arrive to find every man at his post dead. "The commanding officer has a French bayonet through his heart, and a startling confession concerning the theft of 'The Blue Water' is clutched in the hand of the dead soldier."

"Beau Geste" is a great picture in every sense of the word, and it fully deserves its success in Hongkong. Owing to the length of the picture—9,000 feet—performances start promptly at the special times advertised, namely, 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30 and the picture begins immediately after the overture.

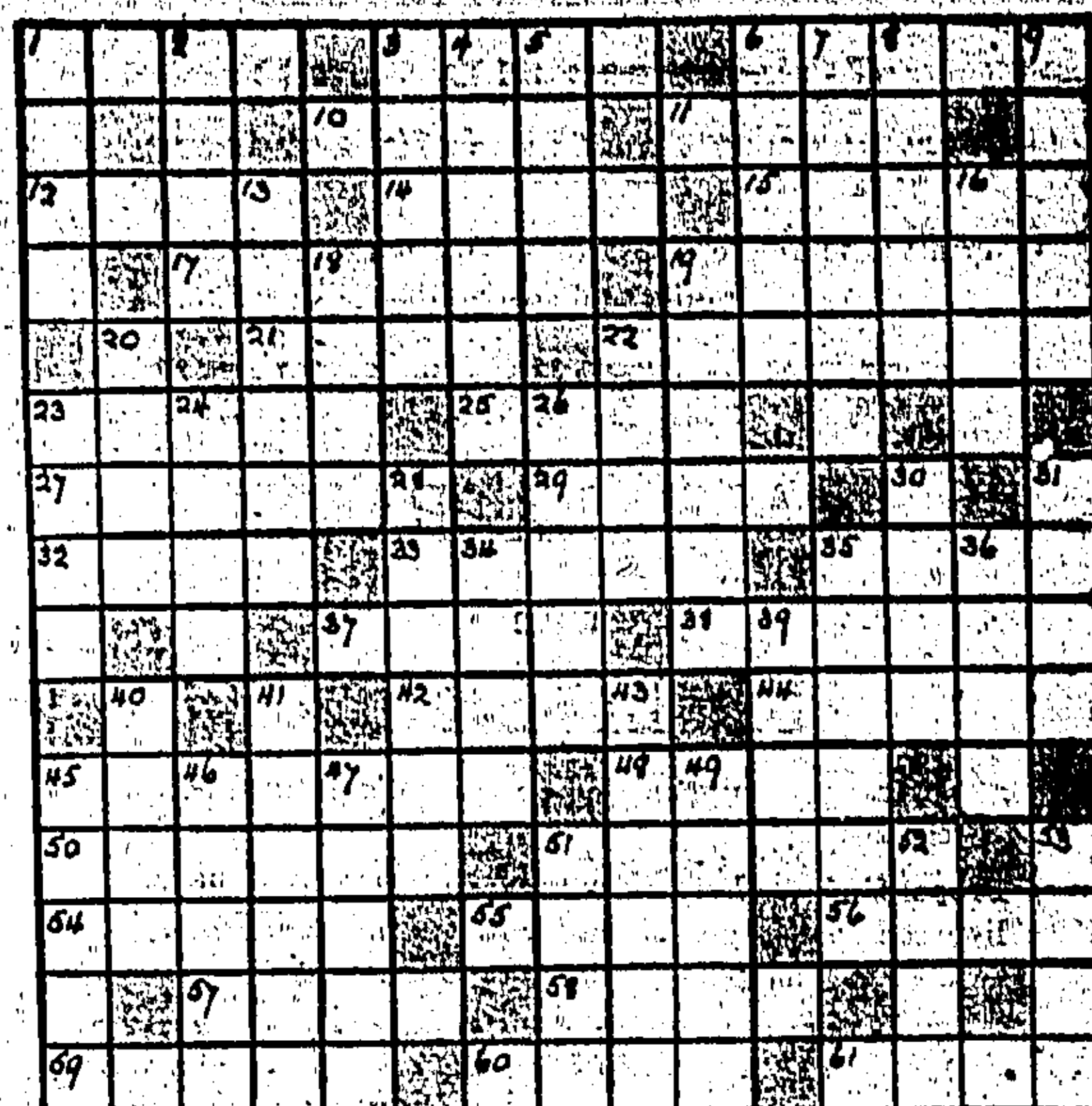
"THE SHOW-OFF."

NEW PICTURE AT STAR THEATRE.

The plot of "The Show-Off," the new picture at the Star Theatre to-day, is a simple, straightforward affair, dealing with an average family and developing the sort of comic pathetic and dramatic incidents that people experience in real life. Interest in the story centres about a conceited, boastful railroad clerk, who stirs up considerable trouble for himself, and his wife's family with his lies and unlimited nerve. However, just when financial ruin stares the family in the face, he turns around and puts over a big deal that brings them all many thousands of dollars. The story gains in the telling by the sincere, spontaneous acting of the cast. Ford Sterling is the bragging clerk. Lois Wilson, Louise Brooks and Gregory Kelly acquit themselves with distinction. "The Show-Off" will be screened until Saturday.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong yesterday on the Canadian Pacific s.s. Empress of Russia were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Burdin, Mr. C. T. Beath, Mr. J. H. Backhouse, Mr. R. E. Coxon, Mr. L. G. Dreyfus, Dr. R. H. Fletcher, Mrs. I. H. Geare, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Dr. Mellon and Mr. R. J. Paterson.

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- Across.
- 1 Sharp projecting point.
 - 3 Put away.
 - 6 Closes to possess.
 - 10 Avoid.
 - 11 Dress fabric.
 - 12 Split.
 - 14 Vault.
 - 15 Russian measure of length.
 - 17 Kind of hard sweetmeat.
 - 19 Scold.
 - 21 Lesson.
 - 22 Covered with wax.
 - 23 The bowsprit of a vessel.
 - 25 Claw.
 - 27 Converted into money.
 - 29 Dandy.
 - 32 Wavy (Heraldry).
 - 33 In the manner of a tilter.
 - 35 Structure found at East end of Church.
 - 37 Among.
 - 38 Gain one's freedom.
 - 42 Ooze.
 - 44 Danger.
 - 45 Came to by inheritance.
 - 48 Disturbance.
 - 50 Used for spreading mortar.
 - 51 Used in soups.
 - 54 Festivity.
 - 56 Defy.
 - 58 Oppose with success.
 - 57 Unhesitating dash.
 - 59 Cash-drawer.
 - 60 Short-winded.
 - 61 Flexible pipe for conveying water.
 - 62 Gorse.
- Down.
- 1 Concise.
 - 2 Scrutinize.
 - 3 Arrow.
 - 4 Used for holding soup.
 - 5 Formerly.
 - 6 Rests on a fulcrum.
 - 7 Musical dramas.
 - 8 Small fish.

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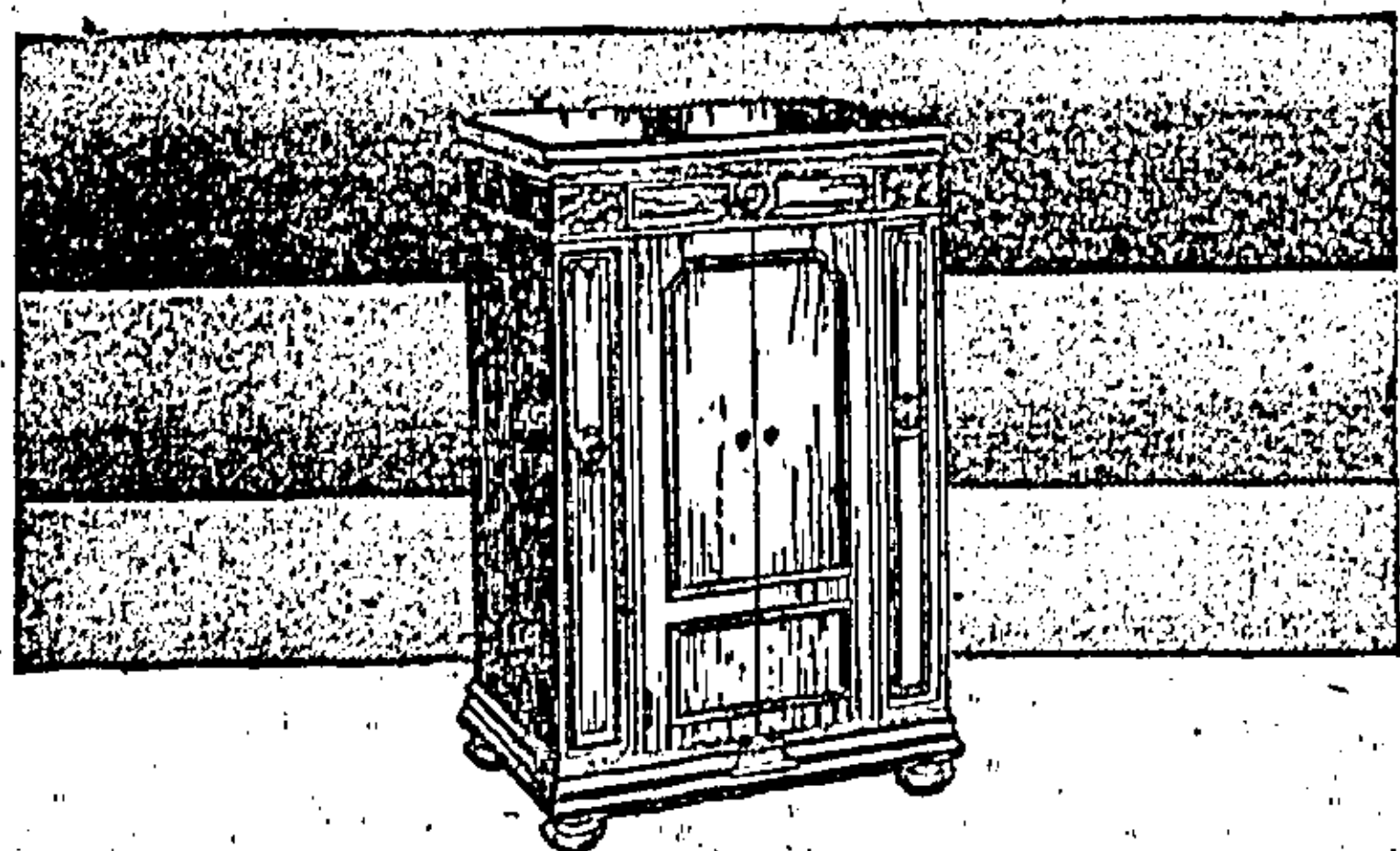
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BIRTH.

NOWERS.—On January 4th at the
Peak Hospital to Mr. and Mrs.
W. A. Nowers, a son.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The wedding of Mr. Leonard
James Cave and Miss Georgina
May Hughes will take place
at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January
14th, at St. Andrew's Church,
Kowloon. No formal invita-
tions will be issued, but
friends will be cordially in-
vited.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1928.

THE WORLD PEACE PROPOSAL.

Once again a peace movement
of great promise has been initiated
by the United States of
America, for so must be described
the formal invitation which has
been issued to France to join in
proposing to all the principal
Powers of the world a compre-
hensive treaty containing a declara-
tion renouncing "war as an in-
strument of national policy. This
is the first concrete step that
has been taken to put into effect
the oft-heard suggestion that the
nations should "outlaw" war, and
it would seem to be a suggestion
of great value. The present
Treaty of Arbitration between
France and America expires next
month, and America, in submit-
ting a new draft treaty, has taken
opportunity to preface it with a
special preamble which, if agreed
upon, will commit France and
America to the course of issuing
joint proposals to all other Great
Powers for a comprehensive anti-
war treaty. At the moment, it
would appear that France is
treating the proposal with justifi-
able caution, for, as Mr. Briand
is credited with saying, France
has to consider its position with other
nations interested in the League
of Nations Covenant and has to
make quite sure that existing
treaties are in no wise prejudiced.
That is, more or less, a formal
method of gaining time for mature
consideration, but it is highly
probable that France will agree
to the suggestion because, in
essence, it at present amounts to
no more than a solemn expression
of opinion.

The suggestion is that "war
should be renounced as an in-
strument of national policy" and
we imagine that no nation would
refuse to make such an announce-
ment. War is certainly not a
part of Britain's national policy,
and to say so would not preclude

Britain going to war as a measure
of defence in the event of such a
need. Acadomically to outlaw
war does not abolish it, for war
will only be abolished when all
nations have totally disarmed and
have welded themselves into a
great international family bound
together with ties of common wel-
fare. So long as there are arma-
ments to ensure "security," so
long must there be the corollary
of a threat, and in the presence of
that threat (however real or
imaginary it might be) there can-
not be a binding undertaking by
any nation never to have re-
course to war to defend itself.

At the recent Geneva Disarma-
ment Conference the Soviet dele-
gate made the sweeping sugges-
tion that all the nations represent-
ed there should totally disarm,
arguing that they would thereby
usher in world-wide peace. At
some future date, perhaps, the
nations of the world will reach a
stage in their relationships one
with another at which they can,
more or less, disarm and leave
the "policing of the world" to a
relatively small international
force operating for the benefit of
mankind as a whole, but that day
seems a long way off. In pursu-
ance of the desirability of taking
one step at a time, we would
welcome an international treaty
by the leading Powers in which
they solemnly subscribed to the
principle that war was not a part
of their respective national poli-
cies. They have all said as much
at the various recent conferences,
but are all affected by fears and
suspicions which lead them to
provide for their defence and
"security." The United States has
just launched the U.S.A. Saratoga
—a huge floating aerodrome of
fabulous cost—and Britain has
her H.M.S. Nelson and H.M.S.
Rodney. America's proposal to
embark upon a big five years'
building programme in order to
bring her Navy into more equal
relationship with that of Britain
is in pursuance of this striving
after "security," just as is the ex-
pensive military, naval and aerial
policy of France. It would be all
to the good of the countries con-
cerned and to the benefit of their
taxpayers' pockets if this latest
proposal of the United States were
put through because it would give
them greater strength to argue
against the wastefulness of big
expenditures upon "national de-
fence."

Mr. C. C. Wu's Future.

The appointment of Mr. T. V.
Soong as Finance Minister in the
Nationalist Government, in place
of Mr. Sun Fo who recently re-
signed and has been assigned to a
newly-created post, tends to show
the predominating influence at
present exercised at Nanking by
the Left Wing of the Kuomintang
Party. For that reason, the
change is to be regretted. Of
more interest, however, is the
statement given out regarding the
future of Mr. C. C. Wu. It will
be recalled that Mr. Wu recently
handed in his portfolio as Foreign
Minister, his chief reason for re-
signing being that diplomatic
affairs could not very well pro-
gress whilst there was internal
dissension in the Government's
ranks. It is now explained that
Mr. Quo Tai-chi has been ap-
pointed to act as Foreign Minister
"during the absence" of Mr. Wu,
who is apparently being sent to
the United States on a special
mission. The inference to be
drawn from this announcement is
that Mr. Wu has not actually re-
signed his post, but that pretence
can hardly be maintained in view
of the fact that his letter of re-
signation was in the most specific
terms. Yesterday's message in-
dicated that Mr. Wu is proceed-
ing to the United States for the
purpose of negotiating a Treaty
between the Nationalist Govern-
ment and America. No doubt the
Nationalist leaders would very
much like to see such a conse-
quence resulting from the visit,
but this hardly appears likely to
be realised. In the first place,
the United States does not offi-
cially recognise the Nationalist
Government and there can there-
fore, so long as that is the case,
be no question of Treaty negotia-
tion. Secondly, the Nationalists
are not in a position to speak for
China as a whole, whilst the
Party to which all its leaders be-
long, is at the moment hopelessly
split and shows signs of an im-

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS NOT AN EASY MATTER TO
SPEND MONEY WITHOUT WASTING
IT, AND THE MORE MONEY YOU HAVE
THE HARDER IT IS.—*Ernest Kemp.*

There was a clean bill of health
in the Colony yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Morea, which
left Shanghai at 4 p.m. on Tues-
day, is due here at 6 a.m. to-mor-
row.

Sir Elly Kadoorie was among
those who assembled at Victoria
Station on Dec. 5 to bid good-bye
to King Feisal of Iraq.

The s.s. Bintang, arriving from
Bangkok and Swatow, reports
sighting an overturned junk at 10
a.m. on December 28 in Latitude
22.07 North, Longitude 115.54,
East.

The engagement is announced
between Ralph Colley Smith, M.C.,
Writer to the Signet, and Jessie
Elizabeth only daughter of Philip
B. Couland, M.B., C.M., LL.D.,
Shanghai.

The late Mr. Samuel Scrutton
Robert (62), of Cranford, Russell-
road, Clacton-on-Sea, late of
Messrs. Butterfield and Swire,
Shanghai, left \$3,846 (net person-
ally \$3,684).

After 37 years in the Pacific
service (says a Home paper) the
Canadian Pacific liner Empress of
Japan has gone into the hands of
the shipbreakers and is being ship-
ped piecemeal to Japan.

The marriage arranged between
Capt. Philip Jermy Gwyn and Miss
Elizabeth Tilley, elder daughter
of the Rt. Hon. Sir John Tilley,
G.C.M.G., and Lady Tilley, will
take place at Tokyo on Jan. 7.

Conditions on the West River
are quiet, according to latest re-
ports, with heavy cargoes coming
down. Fog is still impeding na-
vigation and there have been a
number of groundings without
serious consequences.

A Chinese workman, employed
as a belt repairer and other in the
sawmill of the Kowloon Docks,
was yesterday removed to hospital
suffering from internal injuries
and a broken wrist, caused by his
falling off a tressle while at work.

Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon
Magistrate's this morning, ordered
the confiscation of one revolver,
one Mauser pistol and 500 rounds
of ammunition which were found
unclaimed in the steerage quarters
of the President Jackson by a re-
venue officer.

The successor of Paymaster-
Lieut.-Commander F. R. J. Mack,
O.B.E., in the office of the First
Sea Lord, Admiralty, is Paymas-
ter-Lieut.-Commander E. D. T.
Churcher, from the Secretaries'
Course, and in 1924-26 Secretary
to the Commodore-in-Charge at
Hongkong.

A small fire broke out this
morning at No. 22, Cochrane
Street, which is occupied by a
medicine dealer. The inmates of
the house managed to put out the
fire soon after the outbreak and
the fire engine, which turned up
promptly on the scene, was not re-
quired. The damage was slight.

The command of the aircraft-
carrier Hermes changed hands on
Dec. 2. Captain Ralph Eliot,
C.B.E., being succeeded by Cap-
tain Geoffrey Hopwood, C.B.E.,
from Chatham Barracks. The
Hermes is attached to the Fleet
in China, but is at present at
Chatham for refit and recommis-
sioning. She should be out of
dockyard hands on Jan. 10.

The accountant of a salt shop
doing business at 63 Connaught
Road West made a report to the
police yesterday to the effect that
a Chinese ordered 50 piculs of
salt to be delivered on board the
s.s. Taishan yesterday, promising
to pay for the salt after it had
been delivered. After the Taishan
had sailed for Canton, the accoun-
tant waited in vain for the
customer to turn up and he be-
lieves he has been cheated.

pending break-up. Indeed, there
is to-day more dissension in the
Nationalist ranks than ever be-
fore, and as Mr. Wu himself re-
signed his post as Foreign Minister
largely on that account, he
will hardly be in the position of
pretending to the American
people that the Government is
securely enthroned. Mr. Wu has
such a good command of English
and a sufficiently impressive
personality that he will no doubt
make a "hit" if he goes to the
States, especially as his father
was a former Minister to Washing-
ton. No doubt he will also make
the most of the opportunity to
indulge in considerable propa-
ganda, but it is surely rather pre-
mature to suggest that he will
conclude a Treaty between the
Government and that of the
United States.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT LEAVING.

MR. R. M. SMITH SAILING ON
SATURDAY.

A well-known resident of the
Colony, in the person of Mr. R.
Melville Smith, is leaving for Home
by the P. and O. liner Morea on
Saturday. Mr. Smith is resigning
his position with Messrs. Dodwell
and Co. in order to take up a pos-
ition with Messrs. Lucas and Com-
pany in England.

For the past eight years, Mr.
Smith has resided in Hongkong
and during that time he has made
a large circle of friends, who,
whilst regretting his departure,
will wish him well in his new ap-
pointment. During his stay here,
he has been in charge of the ma-
chinery department of Messrs.
Dodwell and Co.

It is in connexion with the
Volunteer movement that Mr.
Smith has figured most prominently
in the life of the Colony. He was
instrumental in the formation of
the Engineer Company of the De-
fence Corps, of which he is com-
manding officer, and his enthu-
siasm in this regard has re-
sulted in the present high stand-
ard of efficiency attained by this
section of the Volunteers. His
war service, especially in connex-
ion with wireless research, for
which he was awarded the O.B.E.,
stood him in good stead in this
work. Two years ago, Mr. Smith
was promoted to the rank of Major
and became second-in-command of
the Corps, acting as Commandant
for a time.

Mr. Smith has been a very keen
golfer whilst in Hongkong. In
1921 he won the championship of
the Colony at Fanling, whilst this
year he succeeded in reaching the
final.

FAREWELL PARTY.

AT REVENUE OFFICERS'
MESS.

An enjoyable farewell party was
held at the European Revenue
Officers' mess last evening, to do
honour to Mr. and Mrs. Powell, who
leave for Home by s.s. Morea on
Saturday.

Mr. S. J. Clarke, Chief Preventive
Officer, spoke in eulogistic
terms of his subordinate, while Mr.
Ward also made a characteristically
humorous speech in his happiest
vein.

On behalf of the Revenue Officers,
Mrs. Powell was then presented
with a jade brooch as a token of
the esteem in which she and her
husband were held by all with whom
they had come in contact.

Mr. Powell responded appropri-
ately and was, in turn presented
with an envelope, the contents of
which were not divulged.

The evening wound up in lively
fashion with a concert and dance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EARL HAIG'S THANKS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—I am writing to express
my deep appreciation of the gen-
erous way in which the whole of
the Press have once again co-
operated in my Remembrance Day
Appeal on behalf of distressed ex-
service men and their dependants.

This year's Appeal has proved
an outstanding success, due in a
very large measure to the excel-
lence of the publicity which has
been given, and with my own
grateful thanks for this help, I
would like to couple the gratitude
of those for whom I appear.—
Yours, very truly,

HAIG, F.M.

London, Dec. 6th, 1927.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 4.

Paris	124
New York	48 1/2
Brussels	34 1/2
Geneva	35 23
Amsterdam	12 09 1/2
Milan	32 82
Berlin	20 45
Stockholm	38 11
Copenhagen	38 20
Oslo	38 34
Vienna	34 50
Prague	14 1/4
Helsingfors	19 8
Madrid	28 23
Lisbon	2 7 1/2
Athens	30 1/4
Bucharest	7 30
Buenos Aires	6 5/8 20/32
Rio	47 13 1/2
Bombay	1 6 1/16
Shanghai	2 7
Hongkong	2 0 1/2
Yokohama	1 10 31/32
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

With a stormy look on his face
the master of the house waylaid
the servant in the kitchen.

"Look here," he began angrily,
"how dare you tell my wife what
time I came home this morning
after I had told you not to?"

"The Irish girl eyed him steadily.
"Shure an' Oi didn't," she replied
calmly. "She asked phwat toime
you came in, an' Oi told her that
Oi was too busy gettin' the break-
fast ready to look at the clock."

"Beer drinkers pay \$34,000,000
yearly and the burden demands re-
lief," said Colonel Finch chairman
of the Brewers' Society, regarding
the farmers' effort to secure an im-
port duty on malted barley.
"Twenty-five per cent. of barley
grown in sunshine must be used
with 75 per cent. of British barley
in order to produce the best beers."

Mr. Registrar Friend to two
weeping women at Clerkenwell
County Court: Don't weep,
Laugh, and the world laughs with
you; cry, and you cry alone. You
never get anything by crying.

Willesden magistrate to the
mother of a boy: Has he any
moral restraint? Mother: None
whatever, sir. He is a very good
boy. He would not even go to the
pictures without taking his little
sister.

Man at Kingston County Court:
The courtyard of the pig-sty was
left uncovered.

Magistrate at Willesden: Get
a "notice to quit" at the stationer's.
Man: Is that the police station,
because I have already been there?
Magistrate: No, it is a shop.

"Hello, old man, where have you
been?" "Just got back from a
camping trip."

"Roughing it, eh?"
"You bet. Why, one day our
portable dynamo went on the bum
and we had no hot water, heat,
electric lights, ice, or radio for al-
most two hours."

The shores of philanthropic
endeavour are strewn with the
wrecks of sentimental schemes.—
The Bishop of Lichfield.

I have no doubt that the modern
boy is a better fellow than his
father was in 1897.—Mr. W. A.
Barron (Brighton Headmaster).

If women had not shortened their
skirts an inch or two we should
never have heard of the term
"flapper."—The Duchess of Atholl.
Drive as if you expect a bigger
flop than yourself to come out of
the next turning.—Superintendent
Macleod (Wellingtonborough).

When counsel at West London
County Court recently protested
against a Jewish witness being
sworn with his hat on, Judge
Sturges said:—"I hope to bring
in legislation abolishing the oath.
It is pure waste of time. If people
are going to tell lies they will do
so whether the oath is taken or
not."

Jolly and seasonable news for
Aberdonians is contained in the
remarks of Dr. Donald Winnicott,
who, lecturing on "Nursery Prob-
lems," said:—

"Give your children cheap toys,
bits of stick, and string. They will
get far more out of them than out
of the most complicated model
engines. If a child imagines with
pain, or cannot imagine, see the
doctor about it."

But why not take the pain for
granted and give the young hope-
ful a jolly little Gregory powder
for Christmas, and save the
doctor's fee.

Mr. Dunlop, K.C., complained
during the hearing of an Admiralty
case in the Court of Appeal that a
sentence in a towage contract ran
to thirty-six lines.

Lord Justice Atkin said that he
was just asking Lord Justice
Scrutton if it was the longest sen-
tence he ever saw.

Mr. Rumbold, K.C.: The longest
sentence on record is one of the
recent Finance Acts on income tax.

Mr. Keble Howard, in his book
of reminiscences "My Motley Life,"
quotes the following delightful
story told by his friend Mr. Pett
Ridge:—

A little girl was walking down
a street with her mother. They
came to a portion of roadway which
was covered with straw.

"Mummy," she said, "why is all
that straw on the road?"

"Well," replied the mother, "the
angels brought Mrs. Jones a little
baby last night."

"H'm," observed the small girl.
"It must have been very carefully
packed."

A seventeen-year-old boy, who
was accused of exceeding the limit
at Oakland, California, was fined
\$5 or two days' imprisonment.

"I think we'll pay the \$5," he
said, casually turning to his father,
who was present in court.

"I think we will not," com-
mented the father. "Two days in
prison will teach you to drive
slower."

A HOUSE BUILDING DISPUTE.**PROBLEM OF UNSTAMPED DOCUMENTS.****BOTH PARTIES TO PAY.**

When the case in which a building contractor is suing a landlord in respect of the erection of 15 European-style houses on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1301, Yumati, was resumed in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, it was announced that a way had been discovered of getting over the difficulty of insufficiently stamped documents which are being used in connexion with the case.

The Sang Leung contractors, 14 Man Lam Street, Yumati, are suing Lui Siu-ching, 10 Wing Lok Street, for \$26,187.40, of which \$7,000 is balance due under a contract for the building of the houses dated January 3, 1924 and \$19,187.40 for extra work. The defendant counterclaims for \$8,770.11 as damages for defective, or unsatisfactory work, or omissions.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, represents the plaintiffs, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley, is defending.

The case commenced yesterday morning and during the afternoon sitting (reported elsewhere) his Lordship discovered that none of the three agreements concerned were stamped. The case was adjourned to see if steps could be taken by counsel to overcome this omission.

Payments for Stamps.

This morning Mr. Jenkin announced that he had been able to overcome the difficulty and, if his Lordship gave permission, the plaintiff would pay into court the required sum of \$202.

His Lordship remarked that there were three documents.

Mr. Jenkin:—We are not suing on the third. That is raised by the defence. My friend will have to pay for that.

Mr. Potter remarked that the third agreement had been treated as a variation of the original agreement.

His Lordship:—The point is that it has been tendered. Mr. Potter admitted this but added he thought his Lordship would appreciate that the case for the defence was put to the plaintiff was that there was no third agreement as separate and distinct from the original contract.

His Lordship:—They all hang together and they want different stamps.

Mr. Potter replied that if there was any liability on the defence it would be shouldered. In fact, he added, the agreements were put in by Mr. Jenkin.

His Lordship:—As a matter of fact I should have objected but I did not see the original agreement until ten minutes before we adjourned yesterday. I was dealing merely with copies. Strictly speaking, I think I must treat the position as though I have dealt with the matter once. I won't come to a conclusion at the moment but I will direct that these two documents should be considered as being admissible on you (Mr. Jenkin) undertaking to pay \$202.

Mr. Potter said that if his Lordship directed the defendant to pay \$101 in respect of the third agreement it should be done. "If it is not done," added Mr. Potter with a smile, "I shall have to disappear from the case and I don't think that will happen." He continued that he hoped his Lordship would appreciate that the stamp question was never present in their minds at all. He could assure the court that neither himself, nor Mr. Jenkin was trying to get an insufficiently stamped document before the court.

His Lordship replied that he quite accepted that.

Plaintiff Questioned. Mr. Potter then continued to examine the plaintiff. Plaintiff stated that he himself drew up the original contract and submitted it to the defendant. He agreed that if a specification had been drawn up by an architect it would have been of an elaborate nature with details of all the work to be done. In the present case there was an entire absence of a specification of that kind.

Plaintiff agreed with Mr. Potter that there were a number of things that he did, quite properly, which were not included in the contract but which were never considered by anybody to be extras. He agreed that colour-washing the inside walls was another, inside plastering was another, which might cost anything between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Mr. Potter questioned plaintiff about fitting hand-railings to stairs to be used by servants and asked why he fitted the railings when they were not specifically stated in the agreement.

Plaintiff:—How could people go up the stairs if there were no railings?

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YUNNAN BATTLE.**BIG GOVERNMENT SUCCESS.****REBELS SUFFER REVERSE.**

Yunnan-fu, Dec. 26. It is confirmed, from a Chinese source, that the Government troops have secured a signal success in their struggle with the rebel forces under General Tsang Ju-yi and Hu Ju-yu and their allies from the province of Kweichow.

The Government General Hu In, commanding the vanguard of the 38th Nationalist Army, has announced that, on December 17th, his forces defeated three Kweichow regiments and a part of the rebel forces co-operating with them, and have driven them to Tsze-Yi, which was later occupied by the Government troops.

The other troops of Tsang Ju-yi have also been defeated by Loo Han at Peh Chui.

Commander Killed.

In the battle at Tsze-Yi, one of the Kweichow military commanders was killed, several prisoners were taken and about 1,000 rifles seized by the Government forces. The Kweichow troops, pursued by the 3rd Government Brigade, retreated to Shen Wai and Ping I, about 180 kilometers to the east of Yunnan-fu.

Tsang Ju-yi himself endeavoured to raise the siege of Kiu Tsing, which was being surrounded by three Government brigades, but failed. Moreover, the Political Department of the 38th Nationalist Army has announced that two further Brigades will be sent to reinforce the siege of this stronghold, where the rebel General is being cooped in with his Kweichow mercenaries.

Bombed by Aeroplanes.

It is observed that the bombing operations carried out with aeroplanes have had a salutary effect on the anti-Government forces, who are running short of money and munitions, although they have endeavoured to enforce a levy of \$50,000 on each of the districts, (Si Chong, Lo Chong, etc.) which they have occupied. Other Kweichow troops, who were in occupation of Lu Liang, have also been defeated.

The Yunnanese Government has taken measures for the raising of new levies of troops in the south of the Province, at Mongtzeu, Kai Hoa and other districts, with the view to continuing the operations against the Kweichow troops on the largest possible scale.

Coming to a Head.

The situation in Yunnan is gradually coming to a head. It will be recalled that some time after the coup which resulted in the deposition of the late Tschun Tang Chi-yao, Generals Tsang Ju-yi and Hu Ju-yu quarrelled with General Long Yun and were driven out of the capital. A sort of Government Military Directorate has been in existence ever since, but its sphere of rule has been somewhat limited, as it does not extend beyond a few miles from the capital, although to the south, as far as the Tonkin border, the country has been quite clear for the work of reconstruction proposed by General Long Yun. The two rebellious Generals have had the free run of the rest of the province. Latterly, when faced with serious diminution of their forces throughout a series of defeats, they invited the Kweichow troops in. It is with a force comprised largely of these mercenaries that Tsang and Hu have been encouraged to refuse repeated overtures of peace from General Long Yun.

From a military standpoint, General Long Yun is weak, although he has the support of the merchants and the peasants.

Unavailing Appeals.

Appeals to the Nanking Government through the *liaison* officer, Ley Pei-yin, have been unavailing to cause the withdrawal of the Kweichow troops, and it would now seem that General Long Yun, realising that he must rely solely on his own efforts, is making a big attempt to crush the two recalcitrant Generals and give the much-needed peace to his native province. In this he is supported by a force of about 10,000 soldiers officially incorporated in to the 28th Nationalist Army of Nanking.—*Indo-pacific*.

An earlier *Indo-pacific* message states that the Nanking Envoy, Ly Pei Yin, left Yunnan-fu on December 14th, to return to the Nationalist capital where he will report the local situation to the Nationalist Government.

The rather belated obsequies of the late Marshal Tang Ki-yao, who died several months ago, after his deposition, were carried out on December 14th, with all ceremonial details, by the Government. The interment of the remains took place two days later in the presence of a large crowd, including M. de Bottini, Resident Commissioner of Laos, who represented the Government of French Indo-

DURING PROHIBITED HOURS.**KOWLOON HOTEL MANAGER FINED.**

Mr. H. J. White, manager of the Kowloon Hotel, was summoned before Mr. W. Schrofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for selling drinks during prohibited hours on Christmas Day.

Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue appeared for the defendant and pleaded guilty, remarking that only one tray of drinks was supplied at 12.10 a.m. The order had been given before midnight, but owing to the large number of customers, it was difficult to serve everybody before midnight.

There was a dance at the hotel and in view of the fact that it was Christmas Eve, Mr. O'Donoghue asked his Worship to deal leniently with the case. The defendant had been the licensee of the Hongkong Hotel and the Repulse Bay Hotel for five or six years and had never been before the Court on any offence.

Inspector Aris (A. C. I., Kowloon), said he went into the hotel at 12.30 a.m. and saw five persons ordering drinks. They were served after 12.30 a.m. There were also drinks being served at the bar and in the dance room at that hour.

Mr. O'Donoghue said that five people had demanded drinks, but they were refused.

His Worship intimated that this was a case for a light fine and accordingly imposed a fine of \$20.

JAVA ASSEMBLY.**NATIVES TO HAVE A MAJORITY.**

Wetvreden, (Java) Dec. 20. The Representative Government Assembly of Java, termed the "People's Council," has adopted by 34 votes to 18, a Constitutional scheme introduced by the Government, modifying the partition of seats in that Assembly, which had hitherto consisted of 30 Dutch, 25 Native, and five other members representing various Asiatic interests in Dutch East Indies.

The new composition of the Assembly resulting from this re-arrangement of seats will give a substantial majority to the natives, as it will have transferred to them the preponderance in numbers hitherto enjoyed by the Dutch members. Thus, the new division will give the Javanese representatives 30 seats instead of 25; and the Dutch 25, instead of 30. The number of other Asiatic seats remains the same, at five.

This decision has provoked a storm of controversy, marking, as it does, the first step in a new line of policy of collaboration with the natives. The project is now being submitted for ratification by the Government of The Hague.—*Indo-pacific*.

U. S. APPOINTMENT.**NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WAR.**

Washington, Jan. 4. President Coolidge has appointed Mr. Charles Burton Robbins, of Iowa, to succeed Mr. MacNider as Assistant Secretary for War, who has resigned for a business career.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Mr. C. B. Robbins, who is 50 years of age, joined the United States Volunteers as a private in 1898 and was given a Commission in the following year. He served in the Spanish-American War at Manila until the close of the war; was in the Philippine insurrection and was wounded at the battle of Maricao. He took part in 27 engagements. He later joined the National Guard, rose to the rank of Captain in 1914, was Major in the Adjutant General's Department in 1915; was adjutant of the 69th Infantry Brigade and served with the American Expeditionary Force, 1918-1919. He retired with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in 1923.

In addition to his soldiering he has been a successful lawyer, being admitted to the Iowa bar in 1904. He was a judge of the Superior Court, Cedar Rapids, from 1909 to 1919, and has been prominently identified with commercial undertakings at that place.

U.S.-MEXICO AIR MAIL.**NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN.**

Washington, Jan. 4. Negotiations are beginning immediately with the Mexican Post Office for the establishment of an air-mail service between the United States and Mexico.—*Reuter*.

China; and other foreigners. The strictest measures were taken to prevent demonstrations. A number of students were arrested.—*Indo-pacific*.

BRITAIN & CHINA.**CHINA ASSOCIATION SPEECHES.****MR. MASSEY'S BOLD PLEA.**

At the annual dinner of the China Association, in London, the following speeches were delivered, in addition to those previously given:

Mr. L. N. Lee, Chairman of the Committee, in proposing the "Health of the Guests," said that great as had been the anxieties and cares of those in England controlling the affairs of the Association, they recognised that the burden of those living in China had been a heavier one to bear. The size of the gathering showed how wide was the interest taken in affairs in China, and as their circle of interest grew wider, unanimity of method more difficult to attain. There had been, for instance, ardent adherents in England of the exponents in China of the "Nationalist Party"—their sentiments must now be rather akin to those of the father of the prodigal son before he returned home. (Laughter.) There had been those who were slow to be convinced of the need of sending the Defence Force to Shanghai, but there was no doubt that H.M. Government, in augmenting the Forces of the Crown on the China Coast, had brought immense relief to British residents in China. (Applause.) He was grateful to learn, from a recent announcement in the *Times*, that an agreement had been come to by the Ministers of the Great Powers for the suppression of piracy in South China waters. (Applause.) He noted that the agreement had to be referred to the respective Governments, and trusted that approval would shortly be obtained, for it was on the lines of co-operation with the Great Powers and with those interests in China, herself which placed law and order before personal gain that we could best hope to reach the goal to which we were all directed. (Applause.)

He welcomed all the visitors that evening, and he coupled with the toast the names of Lord Stanhope and Sir Edward Hilton Young. (Applause.)

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Lord Stanhope, in reply, said it was very seldom, in these days, they found sympathy or a good word for the Admiralty and naval services. (Cries of "No.") So many people in these days wrote and spoke as if the Navy was a back number. (Cries of "No, no.") Well, he was glad to find so obvious an opinion expressed by the members of that Association that they preferred the services of the Navy. (Applause.) It might interest them to know how long it took the Navy to be ready when it was needed.

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ANTI-WAR TALK.**THE FRANCO-AMERICAN MOVE.**

Washington, Jan. 4. Much interest is being taken in the Franco-American anti-war conversations.

The newspapers doubt whether world-wide anti-war treaties will result from the present negotiations. It is suggested that Mr. Kellogg has gone one better than M. Briand by proposing a treaty open to all nations, thus avoiding the pitfall of entering what would be practically a Franco-American Alliance. The exponents of this view are of opinion that France, with an anti-war treaty with the United States alone, would hold a preferred position as far as America was concerned.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Mr. Kellogg's Idea.

Washington, Jan. 4. Mr. Kellogg's proposal to France to invite other powers to join in the treaty to outlaw war is in the nature of a counter-suggestion to M. Briand's original plan for a bilateral treaty.

Mr. Kellogg, in a letter to Paris says that he has carefully considered the matter and warmly reciprocates, for the American people, the lofty sentiments of friendship that inspired M. Briand to make the proposal. Mr. Kellogg then suggests that the two Governments, instead of contenting themselves with a bilateral declaration might make a more signal contribution to world peace by joining in an effort to obtain the adherence of all the principal Powers of the world to a declaration renouncing war as an instrument of national policy. He says that such a declaration would be bound to be an impressive example to other nations and might lead the latter to subscribe to the same instrument. He concludes saying that if the French Government is willing to join in this endeavour he will be happy to engage immediately in conversations with a view to the preparation of a draft treaty.

The fact is emphasised that the proposed revised Franco-American Arbitration Treaty, which is submitted for France's consideration is entirely separate from Mr. Kellogg's reply to Mr. Briand's proposal.—*Reuter's American Service*.

ITALIAN 'QUAKE.**SERIOUS DAMAGE REPORTED.**

Rome, Dec. 27. An earthquake has occurred, particularly affecting the region of Nemi, interrupting communications. It is believed that there have been some victims. The damage is serious.—*Indo-pacific*.

"GOODWILL" FLIGHT.**LINDBERGH IN HONDURAS.**

New York, Jan. 4. A message from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, says that Lindbergh has arrived there and will proceed to Nicaragua on his aerial mission of "goodwill."—*Reuter's American Service*.

GOVERNOR OF BURMA.**SIR CHARLES INNES ASSUMES OFFICE.**

Rangoon, Dec. 24. Sir Charles Innes has taken up the appointment of Governor of Burma in succession to Sir Harcourt Butler.—*Indo-pacific*.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What is a cloud?
- 2 How, in "The Merchant of Venice," did Bassanio win Portia?
- 3 What was the last work of the Venerable Bede?
- 4 Who were the Druids?
- 5 Give the nautical term for the right side of a vessel facing forward?
- 6 Explain the difference between an oculist and an optician?
- 7 Where do the following races live: Basques, Samoyeds, and Swahili?
- 8 Give the next line after "All the world's a stage?"
- 9 What is a portulak?
- 10 Who wrote the following: "Ordeal of Richard Feverel," "Tom Sawyer," "The Prisoner of Zenda," "Agnola," and "The Jungle Book?"
- 11 What was a galleon?
- 12 Give the meaning of the following musical expressions: Pianissimo, fortissimo, allegro.

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THE INTERPORT.

HONGKONG'S ELEVEN SELECTED.

LAST OF THE TRIALS.

[By "Wanderer."]

Since the eleven to represent Hongkong in the Interport soccer match against Shanghai was definitely selected last night, little purpose would be served in venturing anything like a comprehensive critique of the last of the trial matches, which resulted in a victory for the Probables over the Royal Navy by three goals to two.

The value of the match, however, might possibly be assessed from the fact that six of the positions occupied by various players yesterday have been changed for the actual eleven, and that five players who were not engaged at all are included. To some this would be indicative of serious weaknesses in the team which played as the Probables yesterday, but if they existed in positions other than right and left back and outside right (in which connection Wynne and Tso Kwai-sing, the "certainties" for two of those positions were unavoidably prevented from playing) the substitutes will need to do exceedingly well to justify themselves.

The team will be:
J. Clark (Police);
R. Wynne (Police);
Lai Yuk-tat (Chinese Ath.);
C. F. Remedios (Recreio);
J. R. Sims (Kowloon);
Lam Yuk-sing (Chinese Ath.);
Tso Kwai-sing (Chinese Ath.);
R. McNiven (Scots Guards);
A. Gosano (Recreio);
Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Ath.);
Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, (K.O.S.B.) captain.

So many changes have been made that the merits of the side are impossible to assess on the play in the final trial. It is a good side, but one which approaches alarmingly near that which gave such a disappointing exhibition against the Royal Navy previously. If it is suggested, however, that Hongkong's team could have been bettered by the inclusion of Everest and Chan Kwong-lu, both of whom played with distinction yesterday, one can still express wishes that the team experiences the very best of luck.

Three reserves have been chosen to accompany the team, McBride (Club), Xavier (Recreio), and Rocha (Recreio).

Of the game yesterday, it may be said that the Probables were much the superior team in the first half, and after Evans had been presented by Britain with a gift goal, they put on three in rapid time, Chan Kwong-lu and Gosano (2) scoring, and led by 3-1 at half-time. The score might have been six or seven at the interval, but for the fact that McNiven, Suen Kam-shun and Gosano between them put at least a dozen shots into the goalkeeper's anticipatory hands.

The Navy were more effective after the interval, and Knight scored the only goal with a brilliant shot. Just before he had given Clark a teaser to deal with, and with Leonard also in good form, the Hongkong defence was severely tested.

The forwards pegged away constantly in retaliation but were not so quick to snap up their opportunities as in the opening half.

As a match, it was interesting. Although the Navy were hard pressed in the first half, they gave a capital display, Barkham, the right back and captain, inspiring his men with a brilliant exhibition. That Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-lu were able to show up prominently against Barkham in his best mood is sufficient indication of their personal excellence.

Gosano led the line in great style, while McNiven was a warrior, and will probably show up to more advantage with a better partner. Sims, as usual, was an ideal pivot; Everest gave a capital display in attack and defence, while Remedios did well in a position not entirely suited to him, left-half.

Xavier was shaky under pressure, Ng Kam-chuen was an improvement, while Clark had no possible chance with either shot.

The Central British School will reopen on Monday, January 9. Entrance examinations will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, January 6.

ARMY'S RECOVERY.

ENTERPRISING CRICKET IN TRIANGULAR MATCH.

SGT. LEACH HITS OUT.

The match between the Army and the Navy which was commenced on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday has proved so far to be the most interesting of the three matches of the annual triangular tournament. The Army having beaten the Hongkong C.C. started favourites yesterday, but at the close of the first innings the Navy, who had lost to the Club on the first innings, had the advantage of twenty runs.

Going in a second time, the Army had scored 55 runs for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn.

To-day's play.

Resuming this morning, the Army put themselves in a sound position by tiffin time, a fine innings by Leach who used the long handle and hit thirteen fours, compiling 71 not out being the principal factor.

The third wicket fell to-day without any addition, but Erskine and Leach became associated at the fall of the fifth when the score was 83, and they carried the total to 155 before Erskine was brilliantly taken in the slips by Shaw.

An extraordinary incident occurred when Miles joined Leach. The newcomer hit out at Dale, the ball alighting in a tree on the Butterfield and Swire corner boundary and remaining there. The pair put on 40 without further loss, Miles making only eight.

At the tiffin interval, the Army were 185 runs on with four wickets to fall.

Army—1st Innings.
S. Q. M. S. Moss, b Thompson .. 0
Capt. Bevis, c sub., b Thompson .. 1
Capt. Morris, b Dale .. 42
S. Q. M. S. Newberry .. 6
Capt. Tyringham, b Wood .. 7
S/S. Wood, b Shaw .. 2
Sgt. Leach, c Dale, b Dale .. 25
L/C. Miles, run out .. 0
Pte. Lake, not out .. 12
Sgt. Gifford, c Cecil b Wood .. 15
Extras .. 16
Total .. 126

Bowling Analysis.
Thompson .. 11 3 33 2
Gardner .. 7 1 19 7
Wood .. 10 4 1 36 4
Dale .. 9 2 19 3
Burroughs .. 1 4 1 1

Navy—1st Innings.
Rev. Venn, c Tyringham, b Miles .. 14
Lieut. Salter, b Miles .. 47
Lieut. Cecil, c Moss, b Miles .. 41
Lieut. Hunt, b Miles .. 4
Lieut. Dale, b Miles .. 1
Lieut. Davies, c Wood, b Miles .. 1
Pay. Lieut. Com. Shaw, run out .. 1
Lieut. Com. Thompson, b Leach .. 2
Ch. Meach. Gardner, c Wood, b Erskine .. 18
Tel. Wood, b Miles .. 2
Com. Bn. Burroughs, not out .. 0
Extras .. 10
Total .. 146

Bowling Analysis.
Gifford .. 0 14 1 1
Erskine .. 9 2 26 1
Miles .. 14 4 40 7
Newberry .. 4 1 26 8
Leach .. 7 23 1
Erskine bowled six no balls.

Army—2nd Innings.
Moss, b Wood .. 16
Bevis, run out .. 14
Newberry, lbw. b Dale .. 13
Tyringham, c Dale, b Burroughs .. 23
Erskine, c Shaw, b Dale .. 8
Wood, c Dale, b Thomson .. 7
Leach, not out .. 8
Miles, not out .. 21
Extras .. 21
Total (for 9 wickets) .. 205

Fall of Wickets.
1 for 19; 2 for 44; 3 for 55; 4 for 87; 5 for 83; 6 for 105.

INDO-CHINA RUGBY.

Saigon, Dec. 27.
A team from Bangkok was yesterday engaged in a rugby football match with a local team, resulting in a win for the latter by 18 points to nine.

Figures supplied by Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, show that 2.27 ins. of rain fell at the Botanic Gardens last month. The heaviest fall was on the 28th, when 1.12 ins. was recorded, and on the 7th, .70 of an inch was measured. It rained on only six days of the thirty-one.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 7th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Everton v Middlesbrough.

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Fulham v Swansea.
Reading v Clapton O.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).
Bournemouth v Brentford.
Norwich v Exeter.

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ENGLAND WINS TEST MATCH.

VICTORY BY 87 RUNS.

Cape Town, Jan. 4.
After a fluctuation of fortunes, the second test match between England and South Africa was brought to a close yesterday, the match ending in a victory for the M. C. C. tourists who won by 87 runs.

Yesterday morning, the South Africans dismissed the remaining English batsmen with the score for the innings standing at 428. The weather was fine, but the attendance only moderate. Wyatt was the most successful batsman to be dismissed yesterday, scoring 91 before being sent back to the pavilion.

The home team commenced their second innings, facing a deficit of 311 runs. By luncheon time they had made 45 runs without loss and, resuming after the tiffin interval, the score was carried to 166 for five wickets, when the tea interval was taken. Taylor contributed 71 and Commalie 47.

After tea, the South Africans were all dismissed for 224, thus leaving England victorious by 87 runs.—Reuter.

FILIPINO BOXER.

FLYWEIGHT WITH GOOD RECORD.

ANXIOUS TO FIGHT HERE.

A boxer who in the old days, five or six years ago, was considered good enough for two matches with the late Pancho Villa, flyweight champion of the world, is in the Colony now anxious to meet any flyweight here, according to a Telegraph correspondent, who writes suggesting that the attention of the Hongkong Boxing Association be brought to the matter.

He is a Filipino, Kid Certes by name, who has been fighting continuously in Manila for over seven years with a long record of successes. His record 1920-27 is appended:

Kid Willy .. Won .. 6 rds.
Kid Castro .. Won .. 8 rds.
Jack Silva .. Won .. 8 rds.
Young Nationalist .. Lost .. 6 rds.
Pancho Villa .. Lost .. 4 rds.
Rush Vengo .. K.O. .. 2 rds.
Young Cerlim .. Won .. 8 rds.
Kid Augustin .. Won .. 8 rds.
Feto Alberto .. Draw .. 6 rds.
Pancho Villa .. Lost .. 6 rds.
Kid Moro .. Won .. 15 rds.
Speed Wado .. Draw .. 8 rds.
Past Manado .. Draw .. 8 rds.
Kid Taylor .. Won .. 6 rds.
Gob Hamir .. Won .. 6 rds.
Eddie Watson .. Draw .. 8 rds.
Attil Medrano .. Won .. 8 rds.
Kid Tibis .. Won .. 8 rds.
Rush Valencia .. Won .. 8 rds.
Fantine de Vias .. Draw .. 8 rds.
Angel de Lacuz .. Draw .. 6 rds.

SHANGHAI RACING.

EXPERIMENT WITH STARTING-GATE.

Those attending the New Year race meeting on the Shanghai Race Club's course, on Monday, (says the N. C. Daily News of Saturday last) will have something additional to interest them, for the four mile-and-a-quarter races on the card to be started with the Stewart starting-gate, which has been given several trials in the past few days. It is the invention of Mr. R. F. Stewart, the famous Tientsin jockey, and has been built to his designs by the Eastern Engineering Works of Tientsin. This pattern has been used by the Tientsin Race Club at their last seven meetings, with complete success, and the northern club, which has been using a starting-gate for a long time now, has adopted the Stewart gate for permanent use.

Mr. Stewart has abandoned the idea followed with all other gates, of a release which flies forward and upward, in favour of one which simply springs straight up. When the most obvious objection to this was suggested to him, his reply was: "Well, there has been no trouble at Tientsin, nor even any suggestion of it. The tape ride into it and there is no danger of an accident. In Tientsin, too, they have further minimized the risk, both of trouble and delay, by making a rule under which a jockey is fined \$10 for each breakage of the tape." Of course, disappointed people will raise the old argument that a China pony will not face the tapes, but that already has been completely answered, both by the long experience of Tientsin and by the experiments made in Shanghai. The ponies will face it all right—but not all the men!

All that the public see of the Stewart gate is a neat metal trellis post on each side of the course with a single tape stretched between. The starter holds a switch connected with the apparatus by a long flexible release, and the depression of the switch actuates a battery which sends the tape flying upward on chain-gearing. There is no backlash, which might be a possible danger, because near the top of the posts is an automatic brake which holds the tape connections firmly. Should the tape be broken, a second would suffice to knot it.

A suggested improvement—especially if, as in Tientsin, the standing start is adopted—would be a fixed switch on one of the posts, so that the starter could sit or stand there and operate the release directly on the line of the start, just as happens with the older pattern of gate. No purpose is served by the starter being out on the course with a half-furlong of cable trailing after him, and he can judge the alignment of the field better on the line of the start than behind it.

BOXING.

AUSTRALIAN HEAVYWEIGHT OUT-POINTED.

Rome, Dec. 20.
In a heavy-weight contest, De Carolis, Champion of Rome, out-pointed the Australian boxer, Cook, over 12 rounds.

Paris, Dec. 21.
In a contest for the French Featherweight Championship, Humery defeated Ciguli, the holder, who retired.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$160 b.
Chartered Bank, \$21 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 1/2 n.
F. and O., \$10 n.
East Asia, \$70 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$590 b.
Union Ins., \$397 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$46 1/2 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.85 b.
China Firo, \$315 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$665 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$25 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2.10 a.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17.50 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$21 n.
Kailans, 62/6 n.
Lampkins, Tls. \$18 1/2 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2 1/2 s.
Raub, \$3 1/2 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$127 1/2 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 b.
China Providents, \$455 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 160 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.20 b.
Orientals, Tls. 1 1/2 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 363 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8 sa.
H. K. Lands, \$65 b.
Shai Lands, Tls. 124 b.
Humphreys, \$14.35 sa.
Realities, \$7.30 n.
Territories, \$1 1/2 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$23 1/2 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$61 b.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$13 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric, \$61 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, \$55 b.
Telephones, \$3.90 n.
China Buses, Tls. 6 1/2 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industries.

China Sugars, \$9 1/2 a.
Malabons, \$27 1/2 sa.
Canton Ice, \$2 1/2 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$7.95 b.
Ropes (Old) \$5 b.
United Asbestos, \$10 s.
Stores & Co.
Dairy Farms, \$15 1/2 b.
Watsons, \$11 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawford, \$2.80 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$7 1/2 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 b.
Constructions, \$14 s.
Bye Ind. G. Bonds, 55% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 4 1/2% Prev.

FANLING GOLF.

RESULTS OF NEW YEAR COMPETITIONS.

In the Fanling New Year meeting, W. L. Dunbar (8) and K. S. Robertson (10), tied in the bogey pool with 1 up and divided the prize. Other scores were: R. F. Bloxham (6), G. Davidson (13), E. Grimble (12), L. R. Andrews (6), all square; T. C. Monaghan (13); W. Davidson (18), 1 down; M. K. Littlejohn, M. H. Ivy, 2 down.

Forty-seven cards were taken out. Capt. H. F. Bloxham won the Medal Round with a card of 81—6—75. Other scores were: T. C. Monaghan 89—13—70, N. K. Littlejohn 90—13—77. Seventeen cards taken out. A. E. Lissaman and Mrs. Lissaman won the mixed medal competition with a card of 91—10—75. Other scores were: Miss Russell and K. S. Robertson 88—12—70, Mrs. and T. S. Whyte Smith 88—12—77, Mrs. Syme-Thomson and H. R. Remington 91—20—77, Mrs. and G. Murray 90—11—70, Mrs. Dorell and E. D. Matthews 80—10—79, Mrs. Cameron and P. A. Redmond 80—10—80. There were 23 entries.

FAMOUS HORSE.

SHIAN-MOR FOR JAPAN.

London, Dec. 19.
Major Courtland's three-year-old, Shian-Mor, who finished third in the 1927 Derby, has been sold to a Japanese nobleman and leaves Newmarket for Tokyo on December 28th. The purchase price is not revealed.



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THE CONSPIRACY CASE.

CHRISTIE GIVES EVIDENCE.

The case against James Christie and Christopher Blumh, who are charged with criminal conspiracy to extort money from a Chinese Police Reservist in the belief that he was a potential drug-buyer, was resumed before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Christie went into the box from where he gave his version of the transactions. In cross-examination by Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) Christie admitted that owing to arms running for which he was convicted in Shanghai, he was deprived of his decoration of O.B.E. which he had won for services during the Great War, when he attained the rank of Acting Brigadier-General. The cross-examination of Christie was completed by the time the Court rose at a late hour yesterday afternoon.

In opening the case for the defence, Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask stated that he had been in all sorts of occupations during his life-time, having been on the China Coast for a brief period during the late war when he attained the rank of Acting Brigadier-General and was decorated by the King at Buckingham Palace with the O.B.E. During his sojourn in China he had dealings with various Chinese Governments, in the first place with the Northern Government, and latterly with the Nationalist Government of South China with whom he contracted for the supply of all sorts of war materials.

He then recounted his first meeting with Haynes in Shanghai where Haynes was introduced to him by a mutual friend, a Customs officer named Knight, as "Leslie the Lion". He did not know if Haynes was given this name at a Peking School in Shanghai. Haynes was always known as "The Lion", a name which now appeared to Christie as being justified where he first thought it was given as a joke or a familiar.

Christie then spoke of his next meeting with Haynes at the Hongkong Hotel and their subsequent interviews at Victoria Gardens where the subject matter of all the conversations was not morphia, but oil. He next mentioned his meetings with the Chinese Police Reservist and maintained that on his part he had no other idea than that they were dealing in oil the whole time.

Haynes was very anxious to get into the arms deal with the Canton Government and took considerable pains to ascertain from him the ways and means by which these arms shipments could be got through to Swatow and Canton without being intercepted and seized. Haynes wanted to be appointed secretary to Christie in the deal, stating that he was tired of being a schoolmaster teaching boys for \$2 at a time, and wanted some big money to get him home. Christie produced a deposit receipt for \$100,000 for money which he said was paid into the Li Tung Bank at Swatow by one of General Li Chai-sum's Generals against a contract for \$350,000 worth of arms. The written contract was also in safe deposit at the same institution.

These documents were produced as a proof of his bona fides and standing to the Chinese Police Reservist, on the latter agreeing to put up a guarantee on their side in the oil deal. Christie was endeavouring to put through for Blumh. At the last interview at No. 480 Nathan Road, the receipt for the \$300 was dictated by Haynes, and although Blumh demurred because a plain term had not been used instead of "goods," it was typed out later by Haynes and accepted all around as a deposit paid on account of Blumh's expenses in going to Shanghai to bring down the samples of oil.

When the Police arrived with Mr. King, Haynes fainted and wanted brandy. "He made out that he was fainting and said 'Give me brandy,' give me brandy," added Christie.

Mr. Gordon Leask: Mr. Christie, can you suggest any motive for this prosecution?—I can. Haynes was in league with the Police the whole of the time. He was annoyed because he could not get into the arms deal. He wanted to be a secretary, and simply because I would not take him into the deal with the Chinese Government—he had no right to be taken in—and because I would not lend him money in Shanghai when he wanted it, he brought this prosecution. It seems to me that the whole time it was this: Get Christie, no matter how you get him, but get him.

Christie complained that he was restricted in his efforts to obtain

ball money, by police action. He stated that a friend who would have been in a position to help him was penalised by a police raid carried out since the proceedings, and he (Christie) had then desisted from continuing the quest for fear that he might bring trouble on his other friends as well in the Colony.

Mr. King expressed his surprise that such a raid had been carried out. That was the first time he heard of it or of the name of the gentleman concerned, and remarked that if it had really happened, it took place without his knowledge and through a misunderstanding.

Mr. Leask said he would make independent enquiries to clear up the matter. He had been unable to obtain police confirmation, where it should have been forthcoming.

Christie further complained that the Police had seized all his private papers including his cheque book.

Mr. King's Cross-examination. In cross-examination by Mr. King, Christie said he did not like the way in which a question was put to him, but agreed that, after the first interview, it was common agreement on both sides that the term "goods" were mentioned. As regards the word used in the first interview his contention was that it was "oil" instead of "morphia" as alleged by the Police.

Regarding the O.B.E. decoration mentioned, he lost it subsequent to his conviction for arms running in Shanghai, but had never been directly notified except through his solicitors and through a paper cutting.

Regarding the arms deal which Christie said he was putting through when arrested, he was asked if he was going to call any witnesses from the Chinese Army. Christie replied: I am not charged with dealing in that, I don't have to call any of these witnesses.

Regarding Haynes, Christie said he had believed that Haynes was honest in so far as it concerned the oil deal which was being discussed, and had no reason to feel suspicious when he was first introduced under the pseudonym of "The Lion." "I thought it was a joke at the time, but I certainly think now it must be true."

Mr. King: "You don't regard him as a loose character or an unreliable person?"—Christie: Certainly an unreliable person. He has always been unreliable. In reply to further questions as to his knowledge of Haynes' financial standing in Shanghai, Christie said he knew that Haynes had always post-dated cheques and was troubled by these cheques.

Christie said he knew that Sergeant Baker was a Police Officer when introduced to him by Haynes at St. George's Hotel, but had no reason to feel alarmed because he was on a perfectly legitimate oil business. "It did not interest me to tackle Haynes about it. I can assure you, Mr. King, this much,

that I would have had Haynes shadowed from the first day he talked to me had I any reason to be suspicious of him."

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Reading an extract from the first of these letters, Mr. King asked which meaning Christie found for the word "Chinese grafter" occurring therein. Christie explained that grafting may be used in the sense of a surgical operation, or it may mean a "person doing a thing which he ought not to have done." There were many meanings to this word. Christie later stated he knew nothing of what was contained in the letters. That was the first time he ever read them in the

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SCHOOL CRICKET.

HOUSE MATCHES AT

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

During the last fortnight the Diocesan Boys' School have had their inter-house cricket matches. Although inter-house football and sports have long been an annual feature, this is the first occasion on which inter-house cricket has been tried. The experiment proved a great success, much enthusiasm being shown in all the matches. Yellow House were the winners.

Blue v. Brown.
The match between Blue and Brown ended in a fairly easy victory for Brown. Of Blue's total of 100, D. J. Anderson made no less than 61, the only other double figure scorer being H. Waller with 19. Brown replied with 129 for the loss of five wickets. A. T. Lee and W. Cunningham being undefeated with 66 and 21 respectively. A. T. Lee also did well with the ball, taking six wickets for 30 runs, whilst G. Lee claimed 3 for 24.

Blue v. Yellow.
Blue sustained a further defeat when they met Yellow, going under by 15 runs. It was a low-scoring match. Blue compiled 32 and Yellow 47, the only double-figure scorers being W. H. Kwan with 19. For Yellow, R. Lee captured seven wickets for 19 runs and Kwan being 15, the Blue bowlers being Anderson (7 for 14) and A. S. A. Kym (3 for 38).

Green v. Brown.
Green beat Brown by 14 runs. Of Green's total of 64, the opening batsmen, P. R. Zimmer and P. A. Waller, made 21 and 20 respectively. Brown replied with 50, A. T. Lee's contribution being 34.

Yellow v. Green.
Yellow won their second match when they met Green. They scored 66 and got their opponents out for 47. There were no less than six "ducks" in Yellow's innings. Leung Cheuk-kau was the principal contributor with 32 and Shiraz with 21. P. K. Lee also got into double figures. Only three men on the Green side scored, all the rest getting "ducks." Zimmer was run out when he had made 28. For the winners R. T. Lee took five wickets for 28 and W. H. Kwan four for 4. Zimmer was the most successful Green bowler with five for 26.

Green v. Blue.
Green obtained an easy victory over Blue, winning by no less than 71 runs. Green scored 128, with P. A. Waller (36), Leung Cheuk-kau (23), Wong Kam-pui (17) and Prata (15) the chief contributors. Blue could do no better than 57, Anderson again batting well for 16. Zimmer, Waller and White shared the wickets, four for 16, two for 23 and three for 12 respectively.

Yellow v. Brown.
The last match was that between Yellow and Brown. It was a closely contested game, Yellow just managing to win by five runs. For the winners Pong Pun-fung made 10 and R. T. Lee took five wickets for 19 runs. G. A. Lee did best with the bat for Brown, scoring 15 before being wicketed out. A. T. Lee obtained five wickets for 14.

Court and he had not given them any consideration at all. Questioned why, with all his financial backing and his own declaration that he could obtain loans of \$100 or \$1,000 at any time, from local friends, he was reduced to asking Mr. Ogilvie, his landlord, for a loan of \$10, Christie pointed out that a person even though he were rich, was sometimes hard pressed for small sums for immediate use. He asked if Mr. King had ever borrowed such small sums in his life from any one.

Mr. King: It is not necessary to answer that question, your Worship.

Regarding the cheque book mentioned by Christie earlier, Mr. King now produced the book and in ticking off various amounts, including one for \$8,740, put it to Christie that certain of these cheques had been dishonoured. He (Mr. King) had established this on writing to the Bank at Tientsin.

Christie replied that the cheques would not be honoured if not presented, and pointed out that he had been in custody without access to his business affairs for several weeks already.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

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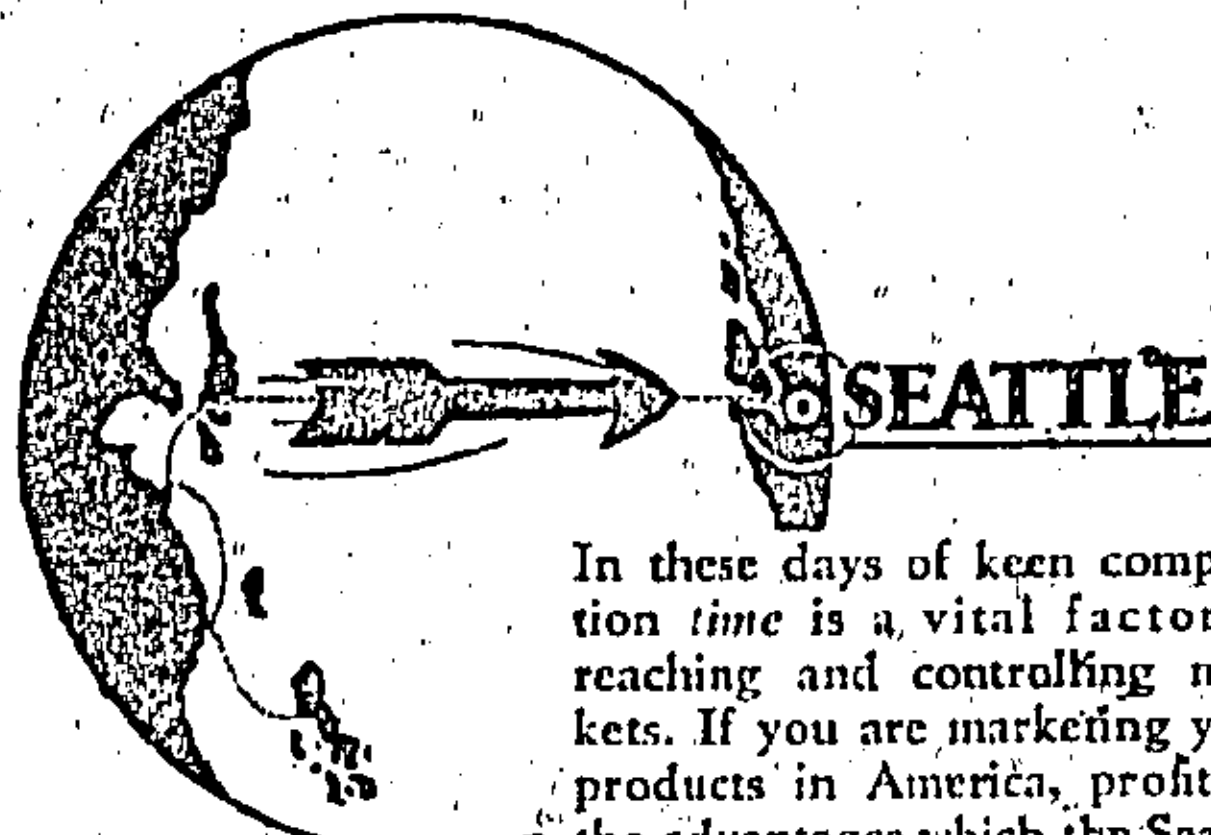
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COLLISION ENQUIRY.

MASTER'S CERTIFICATE
SUSPENDED.

Finding that the collision between the On Lee and the Kwong Fook Cheong on the West River on December 24 was caused by bad seamanship on the part of the Chief Officer of the On Lee, the Marine Court yesterday ordered the suspension of the master's certificate of that officer for one year.

On the resumption, after the tiffin adjournment, Mr. Bousfield, represented by Mr. F. G. Vaux, went into the box. Witness stated that he was at present master of a.s. On Lee, but on December 24 he was Chief Officer of that vessel and had charge of the bridge at the time of the collision.

He was on watch from midnight until 6 a.m. or until the ship arrived at Kongmoon. The No. 2 Pilot was also on duty. Leaving Wangmoo, the Kwong Fook Cheong was sighted some three miles below Kongmoon. She was on the starboard bow and about two miles distant at 5.45 a.m. At this time, the On Lee was proceeding at about 11 knots, while the Kwong Fook Cheong was "making" about 7 knots. The vessels were abreast at 6 a.m., the On Lee at full speed overtaking a ship's length away. After clearing the Kwong Fook Cheong and a half mile ahead, the speed of the On Lee was reduced to four knots to adjust time of arrival at Kongmoon, the port of Pakhal not being approachable until dawn or approximately 6.50 a.m.

At about 6.30 a.m., witness felt a slight shock as of a vessel touching the starboard quarter and observed the Kwong Fook Cheong close up. By investigation, he discovered that a number of plates all above the water line had been damaged, obviously by a collision with the Kwong Fook Cheong.

In reply to a question by the Court, witness said that it was impossible to see aft from the bridge, owing to structural interferences. Subsequent to the collision, witness called the master, who came to the bridge and looked over the port side, but then returned to his cabin without making any remarks.

Lies in the Log.

The official log was produced and witness affirmed that it was not written up until December 28, four days after the collision. He admitted signing it after it had been written up by the master but had not read it before affixing his name, as, owing to the fact that a call for the record had come from the Harbour Office, the matter was thought to be urgent and it was being despatched with all speed.

Witness emphatically declared that the entry in the official log was not true. "The evidence I have given, now in this Court is true," he added. Mr. d'Almada, cross-examined Mr. Bousfield, who stated in answer to questions, that the master was not on the bridge at the time of the collision, but came along immediately after. The master had been called by witness at 6 a.m., but he had not turned up to take over the watch.

Nothing was said by witness to the master as he thought it unnecessary, the damage and collision being of no great import. The first mention as between witness and the master was at 9 a.m. when the vessel was berthed at Kongmoon and an examination of the damaged portion was made. There was never at any time on that day any communication on the subject of damages and the events leading up to the collision as between the witness and master. Mr. Bousfield alleged that as a general rule, the master only held converse on nautical subject with the pilot.

Mr. Bousfield then related the incidents of the call for the official log by the Harbour Office on December 28. The master, he said, had asked him to make an entry relative to the collision, but he had refused, requesting at the same time, a copy of what was written for his personal log.

The entry was duly made in the log, in the presence of witness and signed by him. No opportunity was given him or at least none was taken, of reading the entry prior to signing as the need of getting the log to the Harbour Office appeared to be urgent. It was not until witness had taken over command that he saw the wording of the log entry. He was of the same opinion now as then, that the entry was a tissue of lies. He spoke to his powers and also to the Chief Engineer on the master and he had also called at the Harbour Office to see the Harbour Master, but was unable to see that official.

Never Told the Truth.

Certain questions relative to holidays and times of entry at the Harbour Office were put to witness eliciting confusing replies as the dates mentioned were holidays when the office was closed. Mr. d'Almada cross-examined witness, asked if he had any reason to doubt the master's veracity. This brought forth the most astonishing response. "I have never known him to tell the truth," said Mr. Bousfield. "He is just an abominable liar."

Mr. d'Almada: Is there any grievance between the late master and yourself?

Mr. Bousfield: Since he went away sick, there has been nothing but grievance. He seemed to think that I was after his job. I never did want it, but the offer was made to me in preference to another man, because I was already in the ship.

Mr. d'Almada: In your opinion then, he has deliberately made this entry to make you responsible for the collision?

Mr. Bousfield: Yes.

Mr. Hall Brutton then cross-examined and elicited that the late master of the On Lee never approached witness on any subject relative to the working of the ship. "Being unable to talk decent English and at

the same time a master of the Chinese language," he preferred to talk with the Pilot," is the way witness put it. Reverting to the Kwong Fook Cheong's story, certain of the questions put by Mr. Brutton were disallowed by the President, who disallowed them as "being tantamount to asking the witness if he is a liar or not."

Describing incidents leading up to the collision, Mr. Bousfield said that there was plenty of water to port of the Kwong Fook Cheong, but not much sea room to starboard. It was necessary for the On Lee to cross the Kwong Fook Cheong's bows to reach the wharf at Pakhal, but in this particular case, speed was not reduced until the On Lee was a good half mile ahead. The relative times established by further questioning were: 6 a.m. On Lee passed Kwong Fook Cheong; 6.10 a.m. On Lee reduced speed; 6.17 a.m., the collision.

The President then questioned witness relative to evidence already given. He had stated that the Kwong Fook Cheong was practically in the centre of the channel and yet there was more water to port than to starboard. Also that, with a difference of speed of two knots, it would have taken the On Lee 30 minutes to get a mile ahead. Further, at the speed of 9 knots from the point of passing the Kwong Fook Cheong, the On Lee should have been nearly three miles beyond Kongmoon, by the time she had got half a mile ahead. Witness repeated approximate distances and times.

Not on the Bridge.

The No. 2 Pilot of the On Lee called, said that the Chief Officer was never on the bridge during the trip from Wangmoo to Kongmoon, and that at the time of the collision, he was in his cabin.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, the same witness said that the master came to the bridge immediately after the impact, but he, (witness) did not know whether the Chief Officer was informed.

In reply to Mr. Hall Brutton, witness said that he thought the On Lee passed the Kwong Fook Cheong at about seven knots. The On Lee was at full speed, but owing to shallow water, there was a loss of movement of nearly three knots on the deep water speed of 10 knots. Engine speed was at no time reduced, he added.

Mr. A. Fernandez, master of the On Lee at the time of the collision, was called and answered only questions put by the Court, from which it was ascertained that the Chief Officer, Mr. Bousfield, was on watch from the time of leaving Wangmoo to Pakhal Wharf. Witness was lying down in his cabin when he felt a shock at about 6.15 a.m. Proceeding to the bridge, he enquired of the Pilot what had happened and was informed that there had been a collision between the On Lee and Kwong Fook Cheong. The Chief Officer was not on the bridge, the Pilot stating that he thought he was in his cabin.

Relative to writing up the log, witness stated that the entries were made on December 24 at Kongmoon. The Chief Officer read the entries, but did not sign, saying there was "plenty of time for that." Reminded of the matter on December 25 and again on December 27, he replied in the same way. A request for an individual report of the affair was also disregarded and eventually the log was signed by Mr. Bousfield on December 28.

Witnesses Sent For.

Asked by the President as to the production of witnesses and as to the presence of the Chief Officer on the bridge at the time of the collision, Mr. Vaux expressed regret on the grounds of non preparation, he having only been instructed at 12.50 p.m. and it had been impossible to get hold of either the Chief Officer's "boy" or the No. 1 Pilot. It would however be possible to get hold of the quartermaster, if the Court would concede an adjournment of 10 minutes.

The Court accordingly adjourned, while a Police officer was despatched to the On Lee for the members of the crew asked for by Mr. Bousfield, witnesses and others interested not being allowed to leave the Court during the interval.

On the resumption, Pang Yau, the quartermaster, was produced as a witness for Mr. Bousfield but in evidence on oath, he stated that he did not see the Chief Officer on the bridge at the time of the collision. He would have seen him had he been there, as his view from the wheel house was unobstructed.

Lo Chuan, No. 1 Pilot said he was on the bridge some five minutes before the collision and a short time after. He saw Mr. Bousfield on his first visit, but later there were present only the quartermaster and the No. 2 Pilot. He was unable to say if the Chief Officer was on the bridge at the time of the collision.

Lo Kit San, a country boy, stated that he knew nothing of the collision, but had taken ten to the Chief Officer's cabin at approximately 6.30 a.m. Mr. Bousfield was not then in his cabin, but was on duty on the bridge.

The Finding.

The Court adjourned to consider the finding at 5.10 p.m. this being read shortly before 6 p.m. as follows: "We find that about 5 a.m. on the 24th December, 1927, the a.s. On Lee when on a voyage from Wangmoo to Kwongmoo, overtook the a.s. Kwong Fook Cheong."

The On Lee forging ahead on the port bow of the Kwong Fook Cheong, the latter's bows were sucked in towards the On Lee causing her Port bow to come into collision with the Starboard quarter of the On Lee and causing slight damage.

We find that the On Lee was to blame in that she passed too close (when ahead) to the Kwong Fook Cheong.

We find that Mr. David Bousfield who was Officer of the watch of a.s. On Lee, was absent from the bridge at the time of the collision, without having been properly relieved, for which very grave offence we adjudge that his Certificate of Competency as Extra Master be suspended for one year, and that a Certificate of Competency as 1st Mate (Foreign Going) be issued to him for that period.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

CHINESE CHARGED ON FOUR COUNTS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindzell yesterday afternoon another Chinese, named Chu Chi-chuen was charged in connexion with the armed robbery at the Mei Sun Restaurant of Queen's Road West and the subsequent shooting affray between the robbers and the police on December 8.

The defendant was charged with (1) armed robbery (2) shooting with intent to murder (3) shooting with intent to resist arrest and (4) possession of arms. The afternoon was occupied by the witnesses—from the restaurant who described the armed robbery. Nothing in relation to the battle with the police was revealed.

The proprietor of the Mei Sun Cafe was the first witness called. He said that at 1.30 a.m. on the night of December 7, two men entered his restaurant. There were no other customers at the time as it was usual for the restaurant to close before 2 p.m. The two men ordered a beefsteak each and, witness added, one cup of wine for the two. Later another two persons entered, and they ordered chicken and rice, but, strangely, this pair also ordered a cup of wine between them.

The two parties sat at different tables and the two men who were the last to enter finished their meal first and proceeded to the counter to pay their bill.

While the four men were having their meal, a foki of the shop had been busy putting up the shutters and closing the street door.

As one of the two men, who had risen, was about to pay the man behind the counter, the other opened the street door and looked furtively about him, returning to the shop eventually.

The next moment, both men whipped out their revolvers and threatened witness as well as the other foki. The two other customers, at about this moment, produced firearms, and together the four robbers, bound and gagged the foki of the restaurant and pushed them into a cubicle at the back of the premises.

The keys of the safe was obtained from the witness and altogether a sum of money amounting to \$125 was stolen.

Two waiters from the restaurant corroborated this evidence and one of them identified the prisoner as being one of the first two of the robbers who entered the cafe that night.

The case will be continued on Friday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. Mr. Whyte Smith indicated that

SEDITION CHARGE.

COUNSEL'S SUBMISSIONS IN KOWLOON CASE.

The case in which six Chinese are being charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with having in their possession a quantity of seditious pamphlets, was continued yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hin Shing Lo (instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli) appearing for the third defendant.

On the close of the case for the prosecution, Mr. Lo submitted that the statements made by the defendants could not be included as they were made under coercion and assault and also that the passages contained in the pamphlets were not of a seditious nature.

After commenting at great length on the law regarding the admission of statements made involuntarily, Mr. Lo addressed the Bench on his second submission, quoting several authorities to support his contention.

He first singled out two passages, one calling on readers of the pamphlets to "overthrow the reactions of the Kuomintang" and to oppose the Hongkong Government for arresting our Chinese workmen. Regarding the first sentence Mr. Lo submitted that agitation against a foreign government was not punishable by the local authorities.

After referring to different authorities Mr. Schofield intimated that he was satisfied with the arguments on this point.

Continuing Mr. Lo pointed out the ambiguity of the passage, "oppose the Hongkong Government for arresting our Chinese workmen." He argued that the suggested opposition might be lawful and orderly, taking the form of a petition to the local administration against the arrest of workmen.

His Worship then drew Mr. Lo's attention to another sentence in the pamphlets demanding "freedom of meetings, associations, strikes, speeches, etc."

Mr. Lo replied that these pamphlets were not printed specifically for Hongkong. He supposed that they were circulated elsewhere as well and did not apply to people in Hongkong.

After Mr. Lo had made his submissions, his Worship adjourned the case for consideration of the points raised.

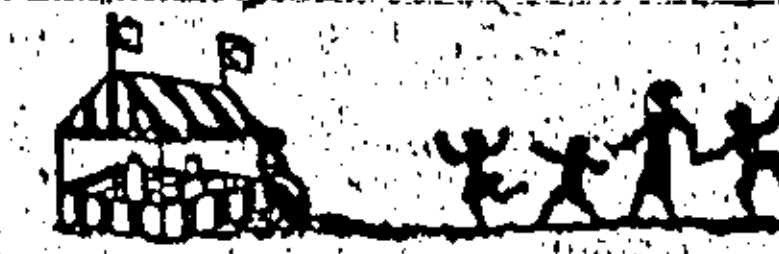
On three of the four men whom the police got hold of, after the robbery, nothing was found. Defendant had \$12 odd in his possession. Mr. Whyte Smith said it was possible the fourth man got away with all the money, or that there was a fifth man in the robbery, who took no active part but went away later with the loot.

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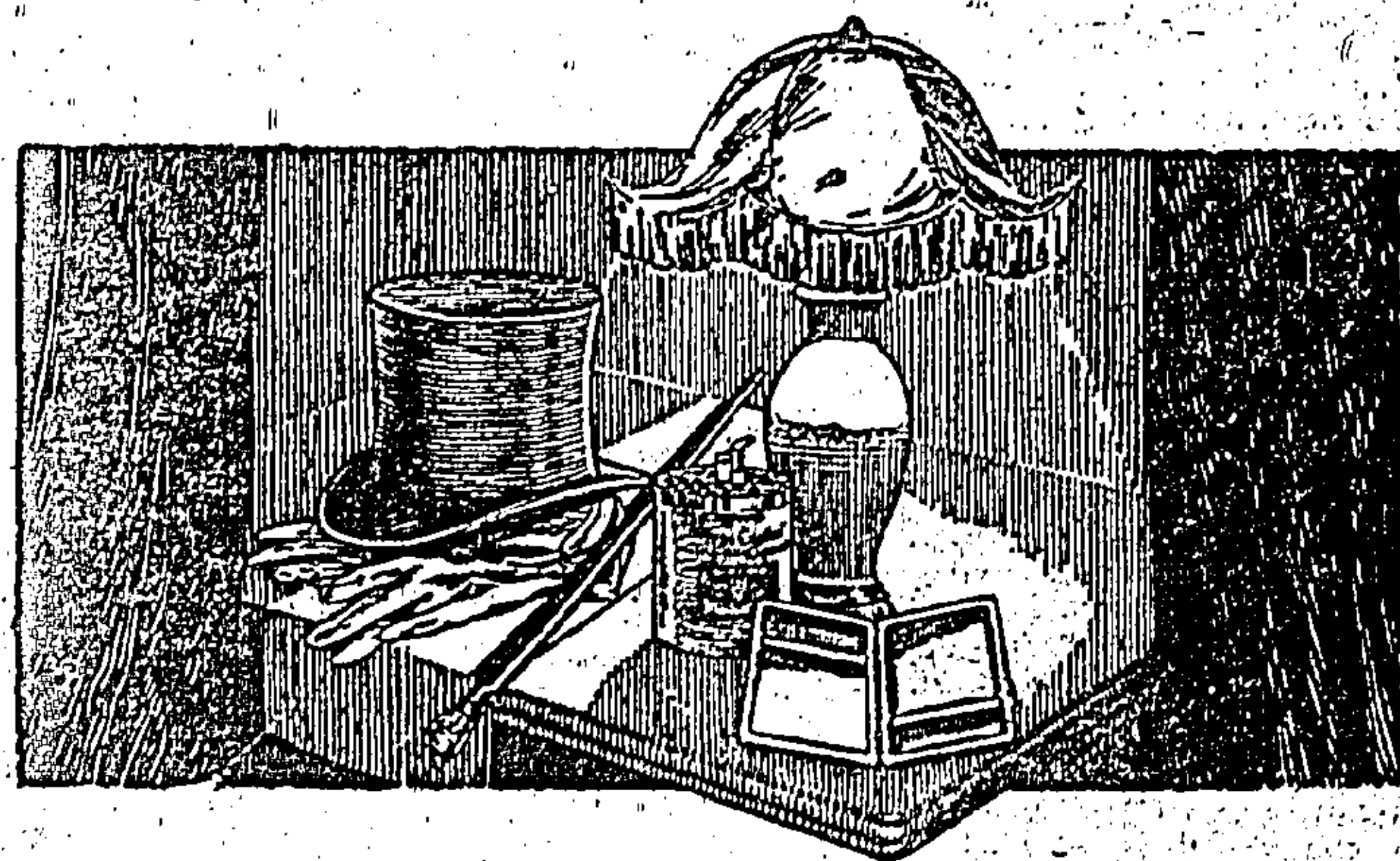
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A dispute arising out of the building of 15 European-style houses at Yau mati, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1301, between the owner and the building contractor, with regard to extra work done in connexion with the erection of the houses, resulted in an action being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday in respect of a claim for \$26,187.40.

The plaintiffs, the Sang Loong contractors, 14, Man Lam Street, Yau mati, claim against Lui Sui-ching, 10, Wing Lok Street, land-lord, for \$26,187.40, being as to \$7,000 balance due under a contract dated January 3, 1924, and the remainder, \$19,187.40, for extra work.

The debt is denied by the defendant who says that the extra work was not written out and signed by the parties as required by the contract, and that a portion is not extra but is included in the original contract. He counter-claims for \$8,770.11 as damages for work which was defective or unsatisfactory and the omission of certain work.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Lyson and Hall, is for the plaintiffs, and the defence is being conducted by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley.

Mistake Admitted.

Evidence was given by the manager of the plaintiff firm in support of Mr. Jenkin's opening. Witness agreed that of the total amount involved \$328,000 had been paid. The money was paid to witness personally by the defendant himself, at the latter's office in Wing Lok Street.

Answering Mr. Jenkin's witness said, with regard to the cement for the roofs of the houses on which the tiles were fixed, that he had used the cement called for by the contract. No one had ever told him that he was not using the correct cement.

Replying to Mr. Potter witness agreed that his clerk had made a mistake with regard to the sum charged for 15 servants' latrines. The amount charged was \$4,500 and this should be \$450. Witness was unable to account for the mistake.

Unstamped Contract.

His Lordship remarked that the contract on which the \$7,000 part of the claim was based did not bear a stamp. He added that it had not occurred to him earlier as he had been distracted in paying attention to Mr. Jenkin's opening remarks.

Mr. Potter remarked that he himself ought really to have raised that point.

Mr. Jenkin: I was not conscious of the fact myself.

His Lordship said that was the worst of dealing with translations. He was afraid, so far as that part

HOPE FOR THE BRAINLESS.

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New York, Nov. 22. Professor Joseph Jastrow, head of the department of psychology in Wisconsin University, addressing the Institute of Arts and Sciences of Columbia University, declared that brains were not essential in the struggle for material success in America.

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RUSSIA AND POLAND.

EXCHANGE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

Moscow, Jan. 4. An exchange of political prisoners has been effected at the frontier town of Kolosovo, involving 29 Poles and 9 Russians.

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of the evidence was concerned, he could not accept it.

Mr. Jenkin replied that he would like to consider the point. From the strict words of the ordinance his Lordship could not accept it, but there might be a way of circumventing it.

His Lordship, referring to the ordinance, said he was bound to take notice of the admission of an insufficiently stamped document. The ordinance said that a person tendering such an instrument should be given reasonable opportunity of applying for special leave to rectify the error. He thought the best thing he could do as regards the document under consideration was to grant leave for the plaintiffs to apply for special leave.

This course was agreed to by both counsel and in adjourning the case *sine die* for consideration of this point his Lordship smilingly remarked that a malicious impost must have brought his attention to the matter.

UNLAWFUL SOCIETY.

FURNITURE OF KNITTERS' UNION CONFISCATED.

An application was made by Mr. L.V.H. Booth, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for the confiscation of several articles of furniture, seized in a raid on the premises of the Chiek Tao Kung Wui, alias Chik Tao Yin Kau Wui, or the Knitters' Union, of No. 456, Shanghai Street, which was recently declared to be an unlawful society by an order by the Governor in Council.

Evidence of seizure of the articles, which included brass drums, bugles, furniture, documents, etc., was given by Inspector Fallon, who said that a party of Police accompanied by Mr. Booth, visited the third floor of No. 456, Shanghai Street, the premises of the Knitters' Union on the afternoon of December 19.

Mr. Booth in the witness box said that he went to the premises of the Union and ordered the removal of the furniture. Witness acted under sub-section 3 of section 6 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1920, which empowers a Justice of the Peace to visit premises of an unlawful society without a warrant from a Magistrate.

Mr. Schofield made the necessary order.

WAR ON INSECT PEST.

AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL LOSS OF £20,000,000.

Wellington (N. Z.), Nov. 21. Dr. R. J. Tillyard, entomologist and head of the biological department at the Cawthron Institute, Nelson, N.Z., has been appointed Chief Entomologist to the Commonwealth of Australia. He estimates Australia's loss through her insect pests as high as £20,000,000 each year, and intends to start a national campaign for the fight against noxious weeds and insect pests.

He will still remain in charge of the Empire Marketing Board's research work against the blackberry pest in New Zealand. Dr. Tillyard was born at Norwich, and was educated at Dover College and Queen's College, Cambridge. He was at one time lecturer in zoology at the University of Sydney.

OBITUARY.

A WELL-KNOWN FRENCH DIPLOMAT.

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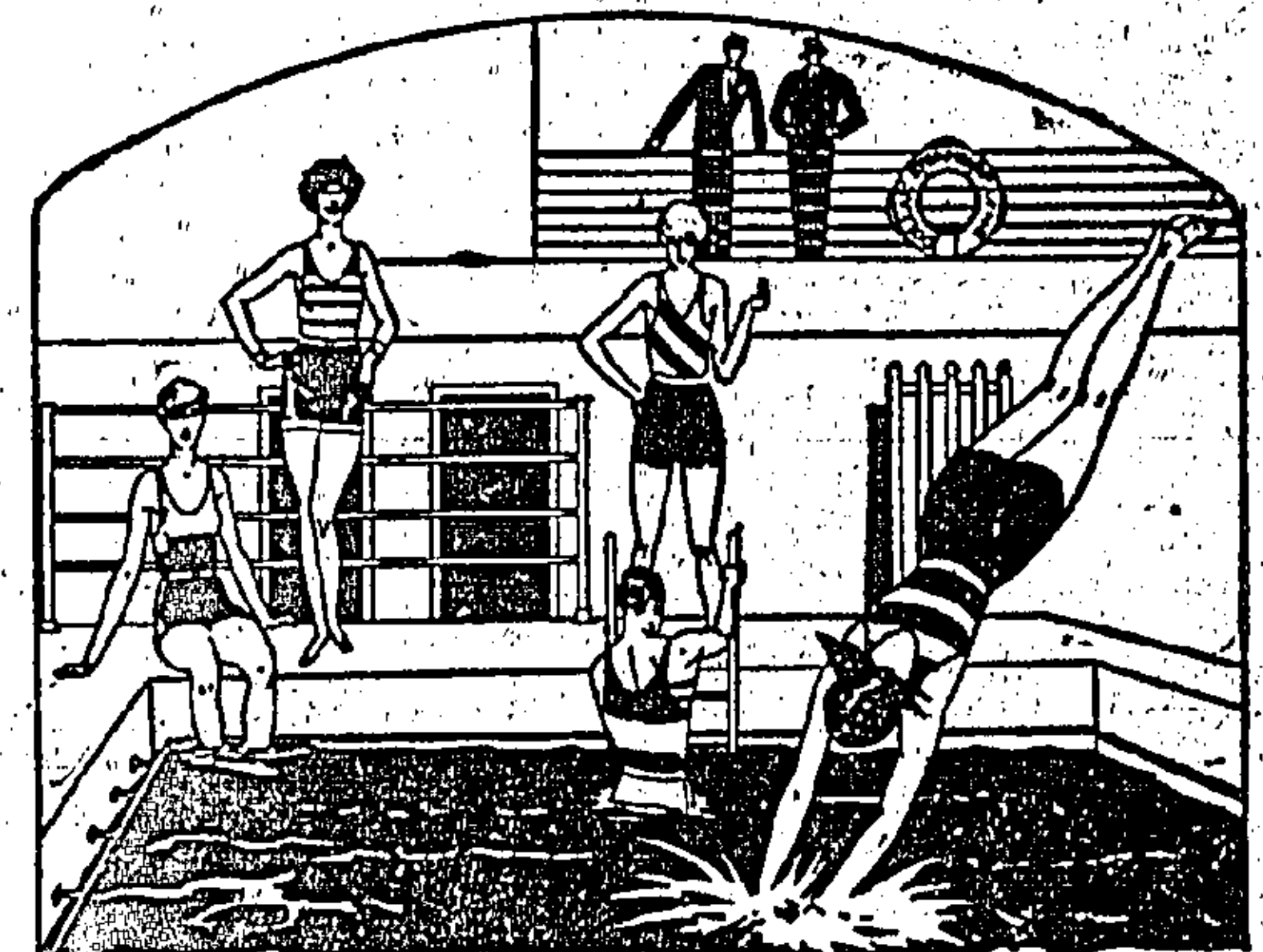
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MAN'S ETHICS AND EVOLUTION.

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claw; but in the ethical process, there is the indisputable factor of mutual-support, union and co-operation within the group, for the good of self-preservation and race-preservation.

In man, the social instincts and moral sense are obviously more highly developed and important, because man has the power of speech with which to express approval or disapproval, of profitable as well as harmful acts of the individual of the group. Let us hear Darwin again on this subject, as he refers to the remote past when our savage ancestors were grouped together in small families or tribes.

Darwin says: "When two tribes of primeval man, living in the same country, came into competition, if (other circumstances being equal) the one tribe included a great number of courageous, sympathetic and faithful members, who were always ready to warn each other of danger, to aid and defend each other, this tribe would succeed better and conquer the other. Such a tribe would then in a natural course of things spread and be victorious over others. If it should be itself in turn 'conquered,' it could be only (other things being equal) by some tribe more richly endowed with these same moral and social qualities. And thus these qualities would tend slowly to advance and be diffused through the world."

Natural selection, therefore, has indicated to us that in social animals as well as in man sympathy, co-operation and kindness of practical nature tend to safeguard the group more effectively than in the group lacking these qualities.

Human Morals.

Human morals, then, have passed through the same development from the lowest to the highest as those of the social animals in particular. Such being our premise, it is not rash to draw the conclusion that moral values of man are not fixed, stereotyped and static. These moral values should be looked upon as something flexible, vital and growing. Even the most advanced standards and ideals of man can have no terminus or limit to be reached. The Mosaic Law itself has undoubtedly undergone much transformation to be what it is. These standards and ideals can be always in the process of growing and transforming. The evolutionary philosophy has given us the idea that growth in life is the only moral end to be attained all the time, such as the law of Nature has taught us. Nature, by the way, from the viewpoint of evolutionary philosophy, is not our enemy, but our best ethical teacher. We must be able to see in Nature its inexhaustible-ness, which is the real secret of immortal youth.

It is quite true that man possesses the advantage of both natural and artificial selections. But even in natural selection, man should be the co-worker, instead of being the antagonist as the result of the narrow view which some are inclined to take of the evolutionary philosophy. Evolution consists of cosmic, inorganic and organic evolution. Again, organic evolution consists of that of the body, the mind and society. In the evolution of mind and society, we may trace the ethical process, apart from the cosmic, which we are made to believe is

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always crimson with blood. In the ethical process, we can get rid of much of the sense of struggle, the convulsion, despair and gnashing of teeth. In the ethical process is the path to liberation and high endeavour. Basing Ethics on the Law of Nature can also lift man above all pettiness, and minimise the undue importance attached to the personal "me."

If I had more time at my command, I could go on to elaborate the views of Professor MacDougall as set forth in his recent book, entitled "Ethics and World Problems," which is quite in line with our discussion, namely, to build national and universal Ethics on the utilitarian principles of greatest happiness and culture for the greatest number.

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MONEY AND CLOTHING STOLEN.

A Chinese fishing boat No. 3317 C, was pirated on the New Year Eve in the Dip Wan district, near Ping Shan, according to a report made by the owner to the Police in Tai O, New Territory, yesterday.

A pirate vessel with four men on board sailed alongside the fishing boat and two of the pirates, armed with revolvers, boarded her demanding money. One of the pirates was known to the master. The pirate struck the master a blow which sent him down the hold which was then covered by the two robbers. The only other person in the boat was the wife of the master. The woman was so frightened that she was unable to offer any resistance.

The pirates ransacked the boat and got away with \$25 in Hongkong money, and \$5 of Kwangtung silver coins and a few pieces of clothing. At noon, yesterday, one suspect was arrested by the Tai O Police.

CAVALRY IN WAR.

"THE INFANTRY SHOUT FOR THEM THE WHOLE TIME."

London, Nov. 21.

A strong plea for the retention of cavalry was uttered by Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby at the reunion dinner of the Royal Bucks Hussars Old Comrades' Association on Saturday. "From the ridges north of Jerusalem to Jaffa (he said) cavalry men held the line, and repulsed the counter-attacks of the Turkish infantry, and I don't believe any other arm of the service could have done it except cavalry."

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"Cavalry are being diminished in number, but we must not be disheartened. I don't want to detract from the splendid work of infantry, but they must have cavalry to help them. In my experience of war, which has not been small, I have always found that infantry shout for cavalry the whole time."

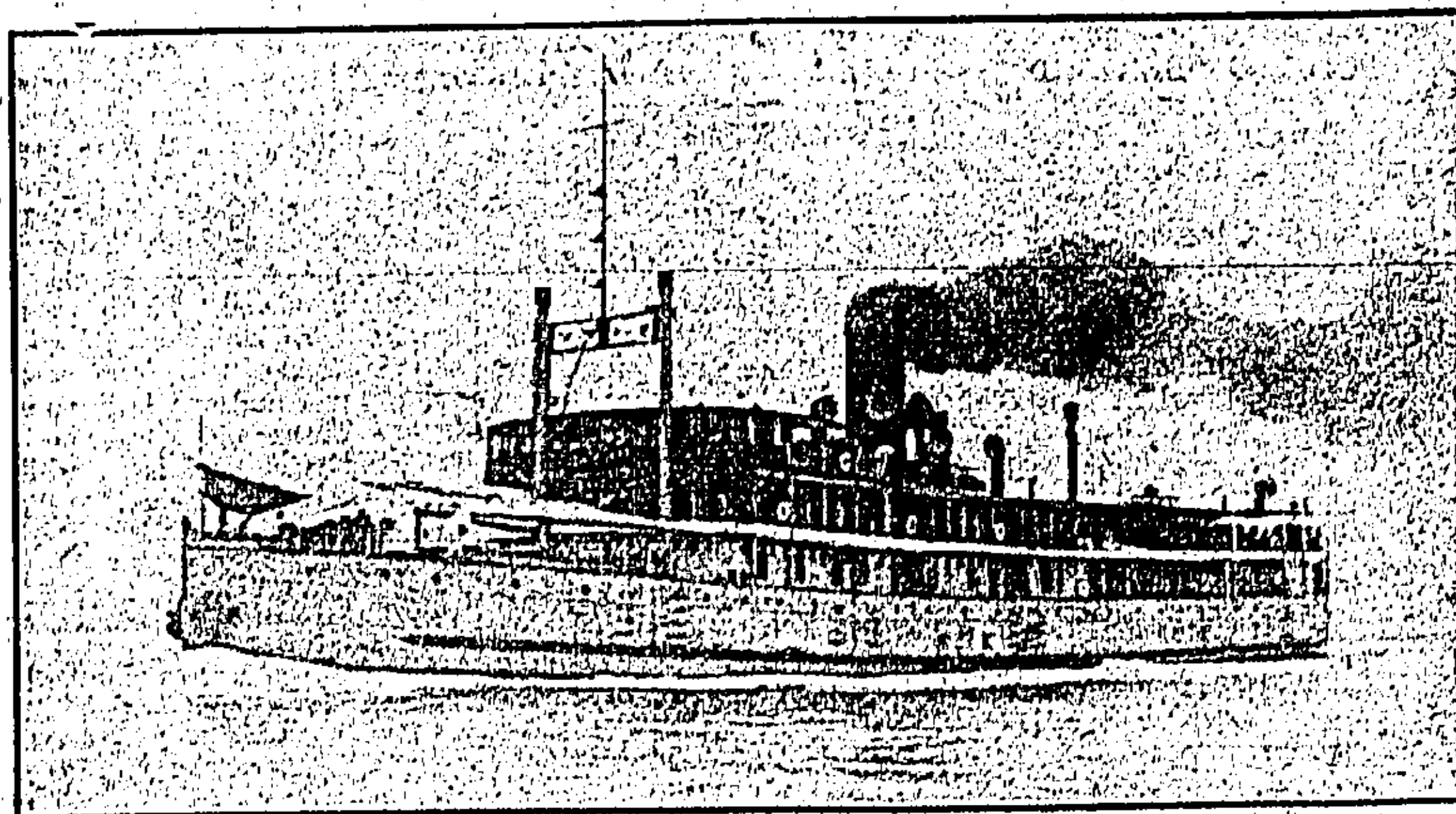
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MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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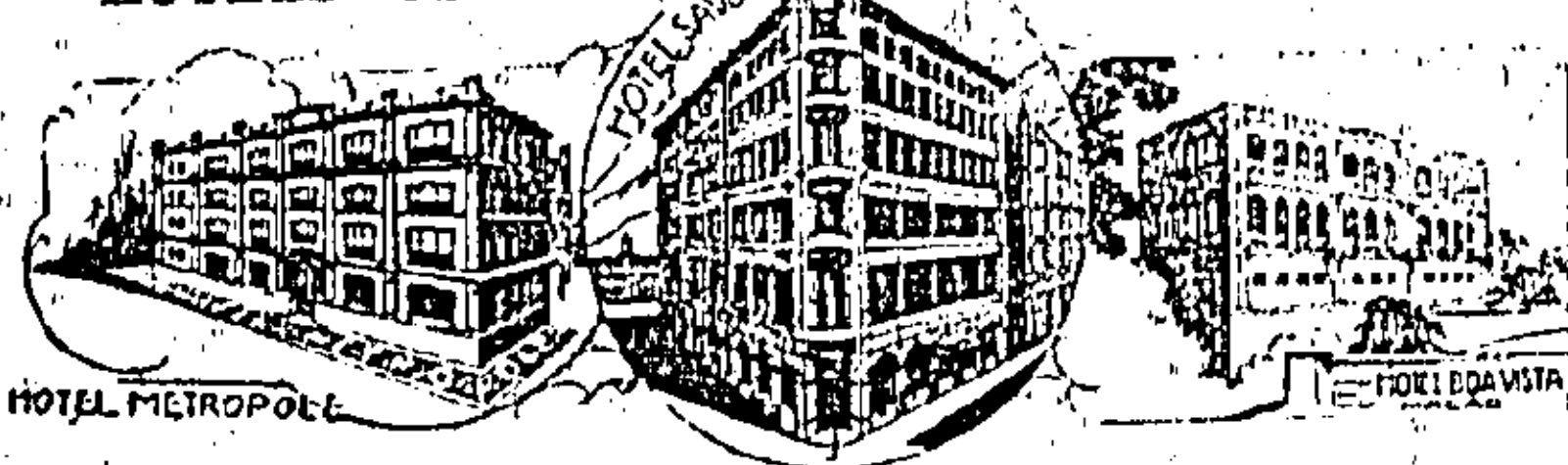
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This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 23 arrivals and 15 departures leaving 73 vessels in harbour, of which 27 were British. There were six British arrivals and four departures of the nationality, inward cargo being 3,248 tons and through, 1,853 tons. The best returns were made by Japanese and Dutch vessels.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company announce that the s.s. Kinshan arriving from Canton on Saturday night will be docked for overhaul at Talkoo either on Sunday or Monday. The s.s. Lungshan, on completion of overhaul, will be undocked from Talkoo on Saturday and resume on the Canton run at midnight on Sunday.

The master of a trading junk reported yesterday to the police that at 5 p.m. yesterday, a collision took place between his junk and a launch (identity unknown) between the Star Ferry wharf and Blake Pier. According to the man's story, his junk was proceeding from Hongkong to Yaumati, to the typhoon shelter. They were carrying a load of bricks and as a consequence, progress was necessarily slow. Near the Star Ferry Wharf, a launch with a black body and yellow funnel backed out from the Praya Wall and although the master shouted at the coxswain to stop, the latter continued to go astern, as a result of which the junk was struck amidships on the port side by the stern of the launch. The damage done to the junk is estimated at \$150.

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NANKING POLICE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

JAPAN'S POLICY.

Italian Paper's Comment.

Rome, Dec. 27.

The Tribuna has published a dispatch from Moscow maintaining, notwithstanding the recent denials of Mr. Tanaka, Japanese Ambassador, that the information it gives is correct in regard to the intention of Japan to play a definite role in China.—Indo-pacifi.

Ambassador's Protest.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

Mr. Tanaka, Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, has sent a Note to the Soviet Government, protesting against the insinuations of Mr. Bokharine on the subject of alleged Japanese designs in China.—Indo-pacifi.

KOREAN UNREST.

Anti-Chinese Feeling.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

Replying to Chinese protestations against the persecutions suffered by Chinese residents in Korea, the Japanese Minister at Peking has given his assurance that the Governor-General of Korea has taken all measures in his power for their protection.—Indo-pacifi.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

The Soviet Consul-General at Mukden, has entered into negotiations with a view to finding ways and means for an improvement in Russo-Chinese relations.—Indo-pacifi.

A HOUSE BUILDING DISPUTE.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Mr. Potter, (smilingly):—I could quite easily, at any rate under some circumstances, but I agree with precautions.

Plaintiff was further questioned with regard to other items which he agreed were not in the contract. He did that work, he explained, because it was necessary for houses of the kind he was building.

Mr. Potter then referred to the third agreement on January 10, 1924, and his Lordship remarked that if that document was to be brought in then the stamp question arose.

Mr. Potter replied that he would undertake that the sum of \$101 required would be paid.
That agreement, said plaintiff, referred to the question of extra work and was suggested by the defendant. It was to the effect that the defendant was to be liable for extra work only if there was a previous written agreement.

He agreed that he had discussed the question of the erection of the houses before the signing of the original agreement, but he denied that the fitting of a flush sanitary system had also then been discussed.

Mr. Potter: I put it to you that in estimating for \$325,000, the contract price, you actually took into consideration the work required for making the sanitary system a flush one, such as building pump houses and sinking wells?—No.
The case is proceeding.

STRAITS GOVERNOR.

TOURING IN SIAM.

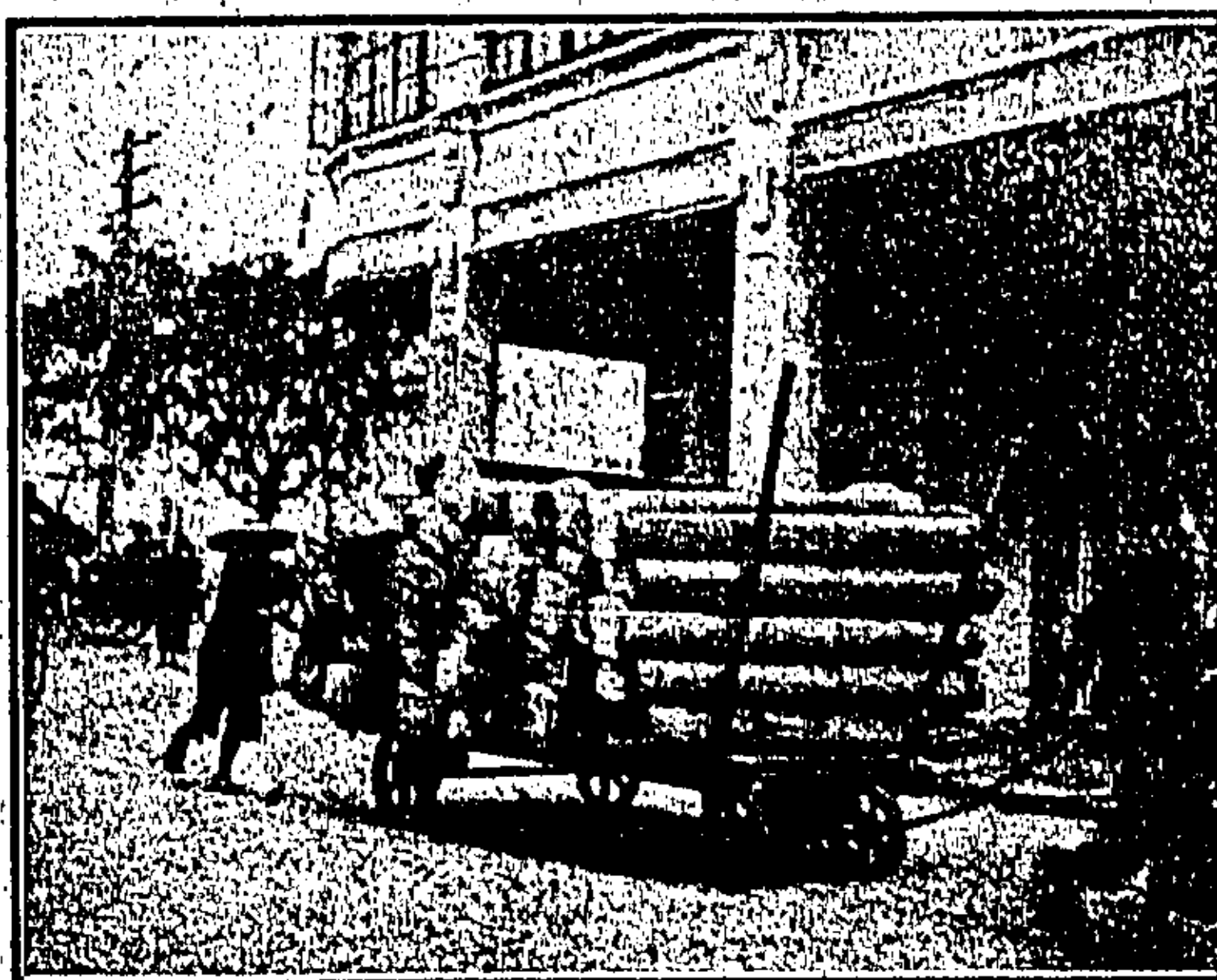
Bangkok, Dec. 27.
Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of the Straits Settlements, accompanied by Lady Clifford, is making a trip across the Indo-China Peninsula next February.
Sir Hugh is due to arrive at Bangkok on February 6th, and to leave on February 12th, to go overland to Saigon. During their sojourn in Siam, the Governor and Lady Clifford will make an excursion to Ayutthia, the ancient capital of the Kingdom. They will be received by the King of Siam the day after their arrival at the capital.—Indo-pacifi.

KILLED BY WOUNDED ELEPHANT.

FAMOUS BIG GAME HUNTER.

Nairobi, Dec. 21.
Mr. William Judd, another famous pioneer and big game hunter, has met his death.
Mr. Judd, who had been hunting for 30 years and was well-known throughout the big game world, was charged by a wounded elephant yesterday in the presence of his son, who killed the elephant, but was too late to save the life of his father.

AFTER CANTON'S REIGN OF TERROR.



The above picture shows a truck-load of coffins being conveyed through the streets of Canton for use in connexion with the burial of some of the victims in the recent "Red" reign of terror. (Photo by Merl La Voy, Pathe News).



Here are seen two Chinese boys using rattan sieves in one of the ruined districts of Canton, searching for coins among the debris. (Photo by Merl La Voy, Pathe News).

THE HOME FLOOD MENACE.

AN IMPROVING SITUATION.

London, Jan. 4.
The flood situation to-day is better in some areas and worse in others.

Dartford, in Kent, is one of the new areas badly affected. The River Darent suddenly burst its banks during the night and to-day there were four feet of water in some of Dartford's streets. Some 200 houses are flooded and their occupants are living in bed-rooms.

The Thames continues to rise and in places where it has overflowed its banks it is six or seven times normal width.

At Clapton, in East London, many houses are marooned as a result of the overflowing of the river Lea, a tributary of the Thames.—British Wireless.

Conditions in Europe.

Belgrade, Dec. 27.
Owing to heavy falls of snow and rain, the Drave and Drina Rivers have overflowed, inundating several kilometers of agricultural land. The situation is disquieting.—Indo-pacifi.

Athens, Dec. 27.
Torrential rains have caused the rivers to overflow in the plain of Patras. Several villages are inundated and crops are destroyed. The Government has dispatched assistance. Railway communications are cut.—Indo pacifi.

"KID" BOOTS.

TO-MORROW'S COMEDY AT THE QUEEN'S.

The new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, according to a special advertisement in this issue, is "Kid Boots," a big comedy hit that must not be confused with Harold Lloyd's "The Kid Brother."

Eddie Cantor, famous as a stage comedian, plays the leading role in "Kid Boots," and he has the support of an able company led by Clara Bow, Billie Dove and Lawrence Gray. New York's picturesque east side, where second-hand stores reign supreme and keen competition develops strange methods, offers wide scope for the opening scenes. Cantor, as a shop assistant, finds himself up to his neck in difficulties. Through a rapid sequence of riotously funny situations, he is thrust into an exclusive golf club as a caddy—and he has never even seen a golf ball! His predicament becomes more involved with the entrance of Clara and her villainous would-be lover. Further colour is lent by the conflicting loves of Lawrence Gray and Billie Dove. The picture ends with a highly amusing "thrill."

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DAY BY DAY.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone has weakened slightly and spread eastward. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

Mr. W. J. Kerr, of the Fanling Golf Club, has reported to the police that on January 3, a European riding a pony belonging to the Fanling Hunt, was thrown from the pony, which has since been roaming the hills. A report was received to-day by the police that the animal was found this morning.

The Helena May is giving a Concert on Thursday, 12th January at 5.30 p.m. The programme will consist of Liza Lehmann's Nonsense songs from "Alice in Wonderland" and songs from Shakespeare. Tickets to be booked at the Secretary's office. Teas may be had from 4 p.m. onwards.—Advt.

In connexion with the recent complaints among the Chinese regarding the new system of whitewashing in Chinese houses a meeting was held, presided over by Mr. T. N. Chau, at the Hongkong and Kowloon Land and Loan Co's office yesterday afternoon. Among those present were Li Chor-san, Li Hoi-tung, Ip Lan-chuen and many others. It was decided to address a letter to the two Chinese representatives, Messrs. S. W. Tao and Wong Kwong-tin, of the Sanitary Board, requesting them to appeal to the authorities to revise the new system.

The Medical Officer's weekly health return gives a total of ten cases for last week, six being enteric fever, two diphtheria and one each cerebro-spinal fever and puerperal fever. All were reported from the Victoria registration district, with the exception of the diphtheria cases, and the victims were Chinese, two enteric cases being imported. There were two deaths from diphtheria, two from enteric fever, two from cerebro-spinal fever and one from puerperal fever. There was also, one death reported from influenza, which is not a notifiable disease.

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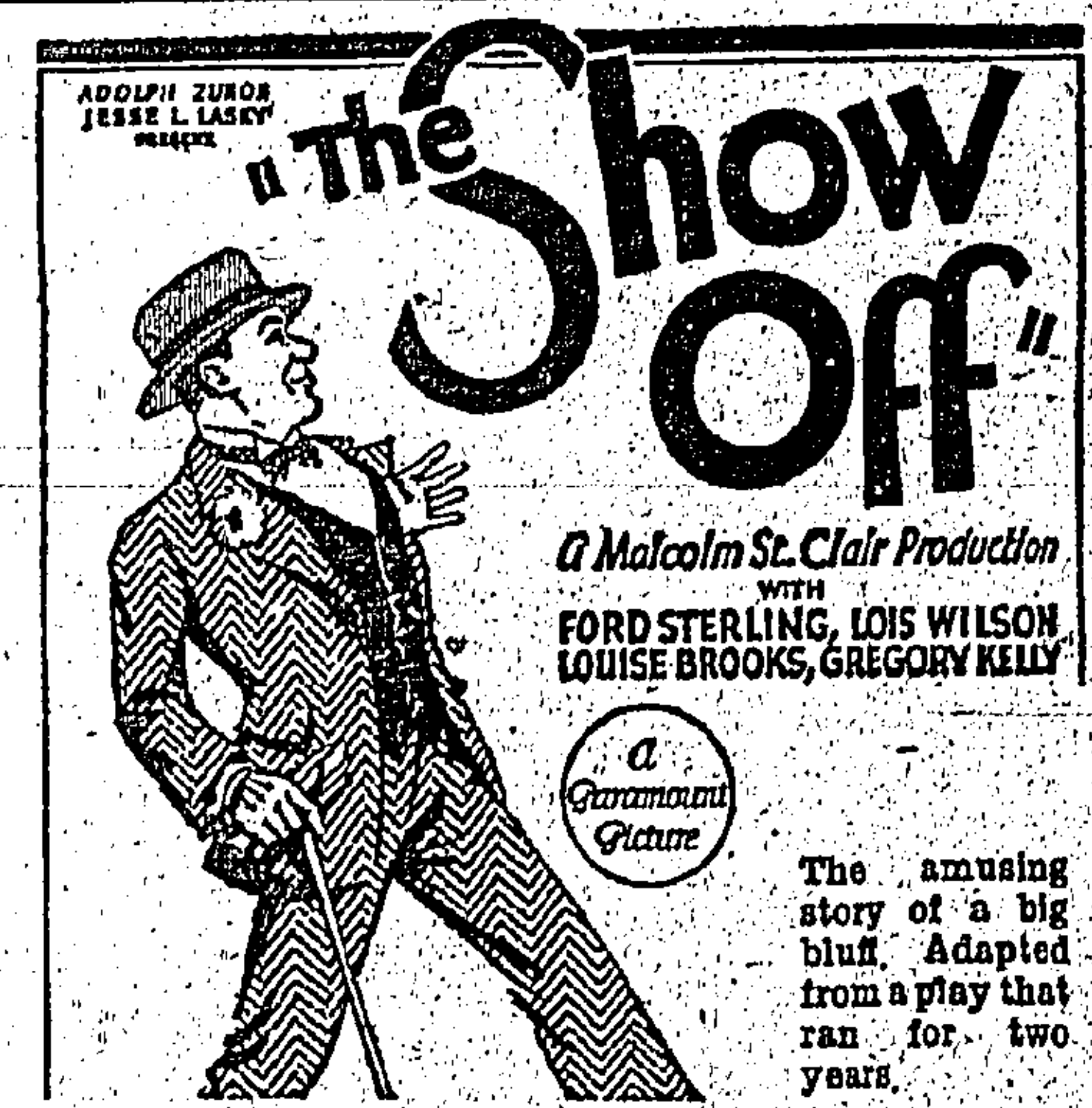
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